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Hamilton ranks number thirty in *U.S. News* college survey

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NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton's ranking among the nation's top 164 liberal arts colleges fell to 30 according to *U.S. News and World Report's* annual America's Best Colleges survey. This comes as the first time that Hamilton has not placed as one of 25 top liberal arts colleges since the survey was first conducted in 1987.

"The two key reasons [Hamilton] fell were selectivity and faculty resources," said Bob Morse, Director of Research for America's Best Colleges at *U.S. News.* He confirmed Hamilton's rank as number thirty.

Released in the magazine's September 26 issue, the survey ranks colleges and universities throughout the country based upon several criteria including student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rates, and alumni satisfaction. Using these measures, institutions are given numerical scores with maximum values of 100. Hamilton's score this year was 77.4. All data used in the evaluation process came from the 1993-94 academic year.

Schools are divided into categories according to size and function. The top 25 schools in each category appear on a largerseparate list in the magazine. Last year, Hamilton placed 22nd on the list of National Liberal Arts Colleges. Colleges not on this list are not ranked individually, but are grouped together in four tiers.

Morse noted that Hamilton ranked 66th in student selectivity in this year's rankings of national liberal arts colleges, down from 31st last year. He said the primary reasons for the fall in this category were an unusually high acceptance rate and lower than normal SAT scores for the Class of 1997. Student selectivity comprises 25 percent of the evaluation process.

In faculty resources, Hamilton fell from 26th last year to 39th this year. This drop, Morse explained, was attributable in part to a change made in the method used to determine average faculty salary levels. Beginning this year, determinations of salaries were based on the average of all professors' salaries, not just those of full professors as had been done in the past. Twenty percent of the overall survey is based upon the rating of faculty resources

Fall in rankings not a surprise

Though Hamilton's fall from the list of the top 25 colleges came as a surprise to many students, most members of the administration had expected a decline in the rankings.

President Eugene Tobin stated that he was dissatisfied and disappointed, but not surprised by the the results of the survey. "It is important to keep in mind that the College is no different today than it was a year ago," he said, adding that Hamilton remains highly regarded and is described favorably in major college guidebooks.

Tobin declared he is optimistic about Hamilton's future. He described the statistics from last year that contributed to the school's fall

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Summer officially gave way to fall this week

Adler Conference set for November

Annual school-wide conference to be held in this fall following cancellation last spring

BY NAEEM N. SHEIKH '96
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Preparations are underway on campus for the upcoming Adler Conference 1994 to be held in early November. Though normally held in the spring, the conference is being held early this year because of its cancelation due to lack of interest last spring.

The Adler Conference, held every year at Hamilton, is an event for formal discussion of issues and problems facing the College community. The conference is cochaired by two students and comprises 15 to 20 small discussion groups. Each discussion group is made up of about 10 student participants and is led by a faculty member and a student facilitator. The average number of annual participants, including students, faculty, administration, staff and Trustees comes to approximately two hundred and fifty out of which two hundred are students. Usually, the main theme is a broad campus issue and each discussion group focuses on a specific topic of the issue.

The conference last year, slated for early March, had to be cancelled a week before its scheduled date because there were more facilitators than student participants. In the year before, the conference was held in February but there was a smaller number of participants than usual. Then, there were a total of 162 participants, out of which 130 were students.

The first step towards organization of the conference this year was taken last week when Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, and Vice President of Student Assembly Bill Russell '95, chose Jay Hart '96 and Alan Lee '95 as the student cochairs. The conference was initially planned for October 29 but an Open House for prospective students and a home football game on that Saturday makes it infeasible. According to Dean Thompson, efforts are being made to hold the conference in early November, before Thanksgiving Break.

Over the next several weeks, Hart and Lee will be busy laying out the general agenda for the conference and selecting student facilitators. Commenting on the theme for this year, Lee and Hart said they haven't finalized the agenda or the title, but they are thinking about shifting the focus from residential and social life, which has been in the forefront of campus issues for the past two years, to academics and

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Student Assembly plans agenda for coming year

BY ELI KOPPEL '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Student Assembly, representing a broad range of campus interests, is a growing power in expressing the needs of students to professors and administrators.

Last semester, focusing on internal changes such as the creation of an executive board, academic policy teams, and closer communication with trustees, the Student Assembly has broadened its focus and strategy even more with the proposed creation of a new constitution, numerous social programs, along with academic changes and additions within the Hamilton community. The new policies, if put into effect, will have a profound result on how student groups function and interact.

President of Student Assembly McLoyd Onwubere '95 recently stated, "We feel that the constitution presently contains a lot of separation. Students feel that there isn't a clear allocation of duties. We believe that there should be a clearer power source, like a central board, where things can be done more systematically and efficiently."

Bill Russell '95, Vice President of Student Assembly and head of the Constitutional Project Team added, "It's apparent that the constitution [is] outdated. Functions in structures that existed before in the constitution are not relevant for today, making it amorphous."

If all goes according to plan, a new constitutional blueprint could be created as early as November. Until then, a mass amount of student input and information gathering from structures of effective constitutions at different colleges will be investigated thoroughly.

Onwubere commented, "We have to see what the students want, what the professors want. When the six member team processes this in-

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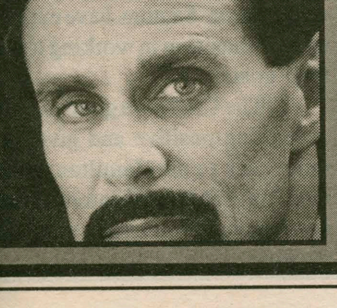

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Men's and Women's Soccer each garner their first wins. See the back page.

News from other Ivory Towers

Colgate's academic dismissals rise

Nine members of Colgate's class of '97 were not able to meet the academic standards by the end of their first year and were academically dismissed.

This is a concern to some because the number of academic dismissals for the class of '97 is higher than the number for previous years. Associate Dean of Students Alan Glos thinks that the new academic standards adopted by the Committee on Standards and Academic Standing "collided with the class of '97" resulting in more academic dismissals.
(*The Colgate Maroon-News*)

Colgate hopes to raise over $130 million by 1997

Last weekend, Colgate began its largest fundraising drive ever. Dubbed "Campaign Colgate: The Promise of Leadership," its stated goal is to raise over $130 million by 1997 for the University.

The potential funds will go to specific programs such as scholarships, athletics, faculty, academic, and the enhancement of campus facilities.
(*The Colgate Maroon-News*)

Fraternities undergoing change at Colgate

This week marked the commencement of the first sophomore rush in Colgate's 175-year history. Fourty-eight sophomore men registered for the fraternity rush.

The fraternities have been working together to make changes that will enhance the quality of life and support Colgate's educational goals.

The InterFraternity Council is going to establish the Fraternity and Sorority Disciplinary Board, a system of peer adjudication, and have discussed measures to give all Greeks preferred admittance at fraternity social function to "solidify and demonstrate greek unity," Drayton Saunders, an IFC member, said. (*The Colgate Maroon-News*)

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Adler Conference: A place to voice ideas and opinions concerning Hamilton life

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admissions. This focus on academics coincides with the recent news of Hamilton slipping from the *US News and World Report* list of the Top 25 national liberal arts colleges. [See related article on page 1.]

Hart said the conference might look into the factors behind the downturn. Lee said he was drawn towards concentrating on academics by "President Tobin's fiery and awakening speech at the recent Convocation, in which he addressed the issue of grade inflation and academic complacency among the student body."

Although the main themes will be quite broad, Hart and Lee will be looking forward to active input from the facilitators in focusing on specific topics. For example, in academics they may focus on a possible first-year seminar and other course offerings. In Admissions, they may look at the role alumni can play in recruiting students from traditionally under-represented geographical areas such as the West and the South. However, they emphasized that facilitators' input and ideas will be the primary driving force in selection of topics for discussion.

Speaking on the topic of student facilitators, Hart and Lee said they are looking for diversity and want to make the team of facilitators represent a broad cross section of students. They are especially looking for students who believe in the relevance of addressing the issue of academics. "We would like to get the vocal and visible members of the student community as well as the not-so-vocal and not-so-visible students," Lee said. The facilitators are given training for their role in the conference. In the past, Mark Thompson, Counselor and Coordinator of Training and Programming, and Susan Mason, Instructor in Rhetoric and Communication, have provided training workshops for facilitators.

Only students trying to be co-chairs or facilitators undergo selection process. All members of the Hamilton Community are welcome and encouraged to be a participant in the Adler Conference.

"Although we usually have 200 students every year, if all of the Hamilton students wanted to participate, all of them are welcome," Hart said. He added that it may be harder to recruit participants this year because the classes of '97 and '98 were not around when the last conference took place in 1993. However, the timing of the conference this year may not be an impediment to student participation.

According to Hart, one reason for the low turnout in the 1993 conference was that it was held a week before Spring Break when most students are busy with mid-term exams and assignments. This year it will be held a week or two after Fall Semester mid-terms. Since it is not a busy time of semester, it is hoped that more students will participate. "The only time commitment required of participants is a Saturday afternoon, that's all," Lee added.

Reflecting on his experiences as a participant in the last conference, Hart hopes that the student body will take an active interest in the conference. Hart said, "Adler is the only time people with different viewpoints get together and talk about Hamilton in a formal manner."

"It was a positive and empowering experience; it renewed my faith in the school," he added in reference to his participation two years ago.

Another junior who was a participant two years ago said, "I felt that my opinions and ideas counted."

Although emphasizing student involvement and participation in the conference, Lee said that the role of the faculty, administration, and staff should not be overlooked. "Since they have spent more time on campus and know how things used to be, they will be a source of alternative perspectives and their input and ideas will be valuable and vital. It is imperative that they take an interest in the conference, especially this year because our focus will be academics," he said.

Usually, in the past, conferences have been held on Trustees' weekends, thus giving Trustees an opportunity to take part. Although this year the conference is not being held during a Trustees' weekend, Lee expressed hope that they will attend.

New program coordinator begins the revamping of CAB as it takes on new role

By Bari Altberg '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many students at Hamilton are not familiar with the new Campus Activities Board (CAB). For the past year, it has been part of the Program Board, but now it is a revamped organization with a new structure. The CAB provides non-alcoholic types of entertainment for Hamilton students. Now with the program coordinator, Stephanie Matson-Santora, there appears to be a new level of enthusiasm in the organization.

CAB is composed of several committees. Students have formed several of these within the organization in order to focus on various events. For example, the Acoustic Coffeehouse committee, run by Gabe Unger '96, has been extremely successful in sponsoring different artists who come to perform at Hamilton. Other committees, such as a Comedian Committee, focus on bringing other types of entertainment to Hamilton.

The goals of CAB are to expand the variety of events that come to Hamilton, create more diversity through the different types of music and performers that come, and try to make events educational experience as well.

In light of what they see as a lack of diversity on campus, CAB members are trying to add some through the different types of performers they attract. Varying types of performers, they feel, provide a wider variety of performances to which students can relate.

The CAB is an offshoot of the Student Assembly. It has a budget it must work within. It tries to provide as much entertainment as possible using this budget. The students, along with Matson-Santora, have expressed their enthusiasm in working towards their goals.

"[The CAB] is a good way to do something positive and give something back to the Hamilton community," said Matson-Santora, promoting student involvement in the organization.

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Constitutional revision high on Student Assembly's agenda this year

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formation, the new constitution will be more effective in giving systematic and direct power to students."

In order for a revised constitution to be passed, it is necessary for the approval by two thirds of the student body. Through posters, memos, handouts, and other interactive forums, the student body will be able to make a rational and informed choice of whether a revised constitution will be a vehicle for a more efficient Student Assembly. Student involvement in campus affairs, such as voting, has also been a concern for student assembly.

"I think on this campus community, if you have things that students really want, that are not necessarily academically oriented, they'll be more inclined to be involved with it," said Onwubere.

Mike Sklansky, head of the Social Project team agreed, "There hasn't been a campus-wide event for a while. We are looking to put on one large festival per semester lasting about three days where alcohol could be served. Tentatively, starting November 18th, we would start out with the Acoustic coffeehouse, Around the World fraternities, leading up to a Saturday night with a major band."

To make it more available for students to have a say in what goes on within campus life without having to be elected is the proposed creation of the community conference committee. Onwubere describes, "It will have committees that include the social, community forum, and cultural issues committee. We feel that it will allow these organizations on campus to feel part of assembly. This in turn will build community within the Hamilton campus."

Another program that also has been under considerable work, has been the committee of Academic policy. Andrew Edelson who is President of the Class of 1997 and head of the Committee on Academic Policy said, "One of the things we are working on is to increase non-athletic recruiting. We have to do more to show that Hamilton is a great place. Financial Aid is also a big issue. It needs to be more efficient and dependable over a four year period or however long a person decides to pursue their college career at Hamilton."

In addition, the committee is pushing for an oral intensive requirement and increased transcript acknowledgments.

"There is a lot of support for an oral intensive requirement for the benefits that are reaped later on in life. In such courses where there are labs, such as in Chemistry and Biology, the amount of hours spent at the lab will be placed on the transcript. This in effect will be giving credit where credit is due," adds Edelson.

Though the student assembly has been growing steadily over the past years, their $140,000 budget hasn't increased for several years. Jan Coates, Dean of Students, addresses the problem, "It's been an institutional decision that budgets have not increased within the division of student life. It's not just Student Assembly that hasn't had any increase in budget, it's everybody. We are aware of the problem and are looking at different possibilities to alleviate the situation."

In order to provide better communication of student concerns, the student assembly is working hard to create lasting, meaningful, and effective changes through structural revision.

Onwubere heeds this last piece of advice, "It is important to note that these things will not happen in one semester. Rather, if we all take an active role in finding out what's going on, we can make a positive change in the Hamilton community."

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News Briefs

Results of the student elections

The following are results of the student election held on Wednesday, September 21:

In election contest held for the Class of 1995, Cathy Anderson was elected Treasurer and Boughty Canton was won the position of Honor Court Representative.

Chris Gelvin and Gavin Milner were elected Judicial Board Representatives for the Class of 1996 while Kevin Bishop and Joanne Legler were elected as Honor Court Representatives for the Class of 1997.

In elections held for positions in the Class of 1998, Ben Mintz won the contest for President and Brian Gallagher won the position of Treasurer. Winning positions as Class Representatives were Laurel Bookman, Jackie Ceurveles, Ali Hilaly, Betsy Katcher, and Mike Reilly. Marie Follayttar was elected Honor Court Representative.

Tuggle Lecture Series to address contemporary ethical issues

Ronald Cole-Turner, Professor of Theology at the Memphis Theological Seminary will present the annual Tuggle Lecture at Hamilton on Monday, September 26, at 7:30 PM in the Chapel. The lecture is titled, "The Ethics of Genetic Engineering: Problems and Possibilities." The Tuggle Lecture Series is designed to bring speakers to Hamilton to address contemporary ethical issues and raise questions pertinent to everyday decisions.

Cole-Turner is currently a member of the advisory board for *Genetics in Society*, a proposed four-part television series for broadcast on PBS in 1996. He has both taught and participated in numerous seminars on the subject of genetics. Cole-Turner was an organizer and panelist for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held in November of 1992. The recipient of many honors and grants for his research in genetics, he has appeared in various media including *Cable News Network Headline News, USA Radio Network,* and the *Los Angeles Times.*

Cole-Turner completed his undergraduate work at Wheaton College. He later went to Princeton University where he earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Ph.D. in systematic theology from the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Demos to speak about problems of frontier life in Colonial America

John Demos, Samuel Knight professor of History at Yale University, will speak at Hamilton College on Monday, Sept. 26, at 4:15 p.m. in the Red Pit of the Kirner-Johnson building. His lecture, "The Unredeemed Captive: The Life and Legend of Eunice Williams" is free and open to the public.

Williams, the daughter of a minister in Deerfield, Mass., was taken captive during an Indian raid in 1704. While her family tried persisently to obtain her release, Williams married an Indian, had children, and refused to return to the English settlements. Her family story illustrates the complexity of relations on the frontier of colonial America.

Demos has authored many works including his piece, Entertaining Satan: Witchcraft and the Culture of Early New England where he received the 1983 Bancroft Prize.

A reception will follow Demos' presentation, which is being sponsored by the departments of history, English, American studies, sociology and women's studies; the Kirkland Endowment; and the president's office.

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Administrators remain optimistic despite decline in rankings

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in the category of student selectivity as aberrations. The acceptance rate for the Class of 1998, he noted, was down several percentage points from the 57 percent acceptance rate for the Class of 1997.

The yield, or the percentage of students accepted that choose to attend Hamilton also improved slightly, he said. The yield is a key component in the student selectivity ranking in the *U.S. News* college survey

Changes have already been made that will likely improve Hamilton's ranking in next year's survey, said Tobin. A 10 percent faculty pay increase effective this year, he noted, will be reflected next year's survey. He added that other changes, including new key members in Hamilton's administration, the creation of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the ongoing Residential Life Study should also have a positive effect in Hamilton's rank in future surveys.

He noted, "Significant changes have already been made and there will be more to come. This disappointment will serve as a galvanizing force to give us the confidence and determination to move ahead."

"The task before us is straightforward and unambiguous: our goal is to lower the College's acceptance rate, increase the yield, and strengthen the academic profile of our entire applicant pool." Tobin added that he is very pleased with the current student body and hopes to continue to attract strong, academically-oriented students to Hamilton.

"Good students help recruit other good students," he commented.

Positive survey aspects

Tobin also called to attention several positive aspects of the *U.S. News* college survey. Hamilton's academic reputation rose from 32nd last year to 27th this year. This aspect is determined entirely by questionnaires filled out by presidents and deans of faculty of other schools as part of the survey.

The survey also ranked Hamilton as number three in the level of alumni satisfaction. This was a slight increase from last year when Hamilton placed fourth in this category. Alumni satisfaction is determined by the number of alumni who make contributions to their alma maters.

Survey not perfect

Chairman of the Hamilton College Board of Trustees Kevin Kennedy '70 noted that the surveys like the one in *U.S. News* are imperfect. "I don't think it should drive the way we run the school," he said. Though he acknowledged the validity of the survey, he cautioned against taking action aimed solely at improving Hamilton's standing.

"The survey reflected more than anything that we accepted 57 percent of the students a year ago," Kennedy commented, adding that the trustee Admission Committee was created last year to focus on issues of admission and student recruiting. This committee was created well before this year's *U.S. News* college survey was released and was not a reaction to it. Kennedy stressed that admissions are critical to Hamilton's future.

"The survey is a disappointment," stated Dean of Faculty G. Roberrts Kolb. "It does not reflect who we think we are."

Nevertheless, he conceded, "Because it's there, you want to do well in it."

Admission Dean bullish on future

"A heck of a lot of schools would like to be in the position that we're in," said Dean of Admission Rit Fuller. He noted that in addition to a lower acceptance rate for the Class of 1998 that will be reflected in next year's survey, average SAT scores were also up for the class. The average score for the Class of 1998 is 16 points higher than its predecessor. He expressed his hope that Hamilton will climb back into the list of the Top 25 liberal arts colleges next year.

Fuller said he did not fear that the *U.S. News* survey will have a serious negative impact on prospective students considering Hamilton. Having recently come to Hamilton from Johns Hopkins University where he served as admissions dean, he stated that Hamilton's strong reputation among high school teachers and college counselors played a role in his decision to work here. The reputation Hamilton enjoys, he said, will help offset the fact that it is not on the list of the Top 25 liberal arts colleges.

Fuller emphasized the necessity of communicating with prospective students in the future. To this end, Hamilton will be hosting two prospective student open houses next month. This is the first time open houses have been held this early in the year. In the spring after admission decisions have been made, Hamilton will continue to actively recruit accepted student by sending them mailings and through personal phone calls made to them by students, faculty, alumni, said Fuller.

He pointed out that while he was at Johns Hopkins, applications for admission rose by 60 percent as the result of a greater emphasis placed on communications and recruiting prospective students.

Director of College Relations Michael Debraggio agreed that communications with both outside students and administrators from other colleges must be continued. "[Hamilton] continues to be a well-kept secret," he said. "We're chipping away at that."

He suggested that mailings that Hamilton began sending to presidents and deans of other colleges last year may already be having a positive impact as demonstrated by Hamilton's improved academic reputation in the the *U.S. News* survey this year.

Role of fraternities

In light of Hamilton's fall in the survey this year, some students have raised questions about a possible connection between the survey results and fraternities on campus.

Survey director, Bob Morse stated that no correlation between the rankings and the presence of private societies exists. President Tobin, Chairman Kennedy, and Dean of Student Jan Coates agreed that they have little impact on the results of the survey.

Survey in previous years

Since the *U.S. News and World Report* first conducted its America's Best Colleges survey in 1987, Hamilton's position has fluctuated between 19th and 25th. Though Hamilton fell by eight places, from 22nd last year to 30th this year, the standings of other liberal arts colleges have varied far more dramatically.

Bryn Mawr College fell from 5th position to 23rd on the top 25 list between 1989 and 1990. Nearby Haverford College improved its standing from 21st to 8th between 1990 and 1991 surveys.

In addition to Hamilton, Mount Holyoke College fell off the list of the top 25 national liberal arts colleges this year. Bucknell University and College of the Holy Cross were added to the list.

Dean Fuller stressed that *U.S. News* survey is not infallible and that the ranks assigned to colleges each year do not paint an accurate portrait of each one. Still, he admitted that he is looking forward to Hamilton rebounding upward in the survey, saying, "It's going to be a fun ride."

Students express concern over drop in *U.S. News* rankings

BY WALTER MARCH '95
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The prevailing attitude of Hamilton students resulting from the recently released *U.S. News and World Reports* survey of national liberal arts colleges is one of concern. While most students contacted for this article seem to believe the report does not affect the decisions of prospective Hamilton students, they remain worried that a distorted image of Hamilton is portrayed by the college survey.

A number of students pointed out things about Hamilton they like that were not considered in the survey. "Hamilton is not about numbers but this report is," said Sean Sheehan '97. He went on to say "Did [this report] consider that you can go to a professor's house and eat dinner? That professors' home phone numbers are in the [campus] phone book and they invite you to call?"

Another student said "When I was looking at colleges, had I known about this survey, I would have used it to narrow my field. That would have been a mistake because more than any other single factor, my experiences at Hamilton made me who I am. I wouldn't change that for anything."

Some students question the criteria used. As one student who requested anonymity said, "We know that high school learning and that kind of environment is different from college learning and those kinds of environments. But, the selectivity factor involves high school [class] rank and standardized test scores. We are basing the worth of a college on what its students did in high school."

Several students questioned the presentation of the survey. Sarah DeMarchi '95 said "The basis is absolutely meaningless. The survey does not state the influence of the criteria used. I can give you a statistic and make it lie for me by not telling you exactly what it means." Christine Schuart '95 said "This report is analogous to looking only at standardized test scores. You have to look beneath the statistics."

Both Sheehan and Singer cautioned the Hamilton community against tearing the College apart over this ranking. Singer said, "Even though most students will find the rankings disappointing, now is not the time to bicker about why our ranking is so low. We should realize that the student body needs to be more involved in the admissions process. The students here need to work with the administration to make a difference." Ahmad added, "We are a great school and schools like Trinity and Colorado College can not justify being better than us. Unfortunately, rankings do matter."

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FeaturesFocus

ROTC: A visit with the army, Hamilton style

By Audrey Weiner '96
Features Editor

At 5:15 on Wednesday, my alarm clock went off. I was confused and disoriented as I looked out the window at the still black sky. Then I remembered why I was awake. Half asleep, I got ready and went outside to wait for my ride.

Christian DiSiena '95 picked me up, and we were on our way. He has been getting up at this time every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning since his freshman year at Hamilton. He is here on the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corp) program, and Wednesday morning I attended one of their physical training sessions.

The goal of the ROTC is to prepare cadets for leadership positions within the army. Approximately 65 percent of all commissioned officers come out of the ROTC program, while only 25 percent come from West Point. The Army pays for some or all your college education, and in return you serve in the Army for four years upon graduation. Throughout your time in college you train and take special courses to prepare you for the service. Hamilton, Utica College, and SUNY Utica all train together, so the sessions take place at Utica College. The Utica program is also combined with the Syracuse University ROTC program.

ROTC is very demanding. It is a huge commitment, time-wise the equivalent of taking a fifth and sixth class, for which Christian gets no Hamilton credit. In addition to physical training three (early) mornings a week, he spends about seven hours in Syracuse on Fridays, participating in a class and leadership lab. In fact, Christian runs the PT sessions as well as the lab. As it is his fourth year, he and the other senior in the program are responsible for guiding the younger cadets. It is part of the leadership experience for the cadets to run the program with the cadre's assistance. The first two years in the ROTC are spent getting familiar with the program, and around the third year they actually contract. Then, after the third year, cadets go on to a six week long advanced training camp.

This Wednesday morning was to be business as usual. The cadets were doing "pyramids," which they do once every week. This entailed as many push-ups as they could do in 30 seconds, then as many sit-ups as they could do in 30 seconds, then as many of each in 60, then 90, and finally 120 seconds. Then came a very brief water break, and then they worked back down, from 90 to 60 to 30 seconds. All I can say is that I doubt if most of Hamilton's finest athletes would have been able to keep up. The only thing different about that morning was that Colonel Jim Anderson was going to be present. He is a Professor of Military Science at Syracuse, and is also in charge of the ROTC program at seven different schools, including Syracuse, Hamilton, and the two in Utica. The Colonel participated enthusiastically in the cadet's physical training, offering encouragement and sometimes humorous bits of trivia, such as the fact that Axl Rose was once in the Amy. The Colonel also stressed the necessity to remain in good health throughout one's life, citing PT as a fine way to do this. He was very cooperative and helpful in answering all of our questions.

Overall, this was an enlightening experience. I previously had absolutely no idea what the ROTC was about. It was also nice to talk to people who had such clear ideas of what they wanted for their futures. By the time Christian's four years of service begin, he will be a second lieutenant. He hopes to be an evaluator at a training camp this summer, and then will attend an Officer Basic course, hopefully for armor. He then wants to go to airborne school and ranger school, and then be given a platoon. Much of his future with the Army will be decided based on evaluations from Advanced Training Camp. If you can really commit to such a program as Christian did, it is a great arrangement. How many people at Hamilton can say that they had help paying for their education, and that they are guaranteed a job upon graduation? If you have any questions, please call Christian at x1543.

Interested in writing for features?
Call Amy at X1514
or Audrey at X0558.

Food, folks and fun – Tooter's has it all!

By Doc Monroe '96
Restaurant Critic
with Mike Parker '95

Tooter's Sports Bar & Grill
Route 5 - Vernon, NY
(next to the speedway)

There's something to be said for a good sports bar and grill. I'm not sure just what that is, but it makes a damn good opening line, doesn't it? Picture this: a bar with autographed pictures of professional athletes papering the wall. Nine TV's all playing a different game, one of which is a big screen. A pool table, a dart board, a sand volleyball court with Bill's cheerleaders playing on it. Professional football players (again, Bills) sitting next to you having a drink. Attractive waiters and waitresses at your beck and call. A nice cold one at your fingertips and a free buffet to boot. That's Tooters.

Really, I'm serious.

This week I thought I'd do something on the lighter side of food. Enough of the higher class restaurants with cuisine and chefs who aren't from around here. I'm talking about food, drink, sports, and members of the opposite sex (yes, both sexes) who are appealing to the eye. Tooters is something totally new to the area, and its worth a looksee, especially on a big game night. The owner of Tooter's is really interested in attracting Hamilton upperclassmen to his joint. He offers four kinds of wings (the garlic are phenomenal), huge pizzas, and a "buffalo style" beef on wheat sandwich that is out of this world. Mike and I went to try the place out, and it looks great.

I had the garlic wings, which were new to me. The wings are crispy and doused with butter and lots of garlic. If you're with a date make sure they eat one also. The wings stay with you for about eight hours. But hey, we're not talking about health food here. We don't care, we're out for a good time!!! Of course, Mike did have the grilled chicken salad. And, as far as salads go, it was huge. The beef on wheat sandwich was a "quarter pound of hot roast beef stacked on top of a kimelweck roll, and topped with horseradish" according to the menu, and there is no other way to describe it.

The whole restaurant is done in wood, from floor to ceiling. Mike and I looked around, and there wasn't a spot from which we couldn't see at least one TV. I'll say again that the owner really wants business from Hamilton upperclassmen for the bar, and anyone for the restaurant. He's willing to play a tape of a Hamilton game on the big screen on Sundays. Check it out for lunch, and come back for a drink at night. Hey-- you might even spot one of the Bills, Smokin' Joe Frazier, Leon Sphinx, or maybe even Barney if you're really lucky. It should also be noted that the bar gives some proceeds to charities such as UNICEF and SADD.

The ratings for this one apply to a bar & grill type atmosphere, and not one of a fine restaurant (e.g. Innocenzo's). Let's keep in mind that it is not possible to compare apples and oranges.

Remember, this is on a scale set for a bar & grill - NOT restaurants.– See you there!

Food * * * *
Ambiance * * * & 1/2
Service * * * *
Value * * * *

Hamilton athletes and steroids: A dangerous combination

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

When thinking about substance abuse, alcohol and various prescription and recreational drugs come to mind. We don't often think about anabolic steroid abuse, and yet many young men and women are abusing this drug daily in hopes of improving their athletic abilities.

Anabolic steroids are synthetic derivatives of the male hormone testosterone and have limited medical uses. Some individuals illegally take them in high doses because they believe the steroids will increase muscle mass, promote tissue growth and improve power and strength. It is unclear whether steroids actually do all these things or whether these are results of the athlete's ability to work out more. It is known that steroid use decreases the recovery time needed between work outs.

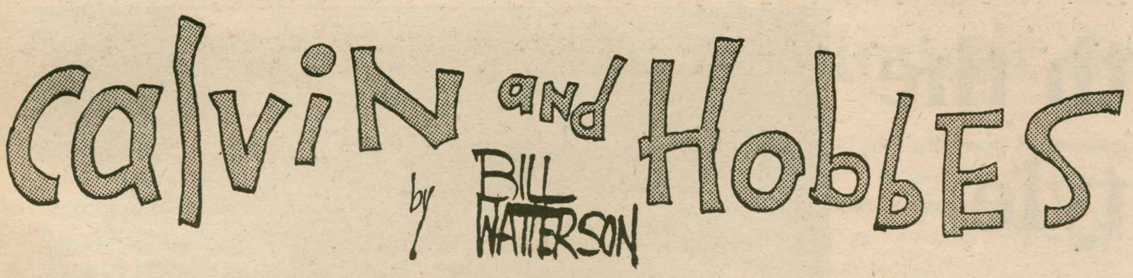
At first, steroid use can cause increased sexual desire and euphoria. To maintain these and the other desired athletic effects, the amount of the drug needs to be continually increased. This eventually leads to physiological and psychological dependence.

Prolonged use can also cause many serious side effects. Men may experience acne, baldness, breast enlargement and a decrease in sperm production leading to infertility. Their testicles may decrease in size and they may have trouble achieving and maintaining an erection. Women may develop masculine characteristics including facial hair, deepened voices, or decrease in breast size as well as menstrual irregularities and enlarged clitoris. Some of these changes may be irreversible even if the steroid use is stopped.

Psychological side effects can be even more serious than the physical effects. Hostility, severe mood swings and paranoia may become the dominant personality traits of a person using anabolic steroids. The individual may experience "roid rage" – episodes of extremely aggressive behavior that results in violence to others.

The long term physiological effects are not yet completely known, however heart disease, hypertension, increased cholesterol and liver disease have all been linked to steroid use. Because these drugs are illegally made, doses are unreliable and reactions are unpredictable.

Anabolic steroid use is illegal and dangerous. If you have a problem with steroid abuse, seek help from your trainer, coach, counselor or health care provider.


Calvin and Hobbes
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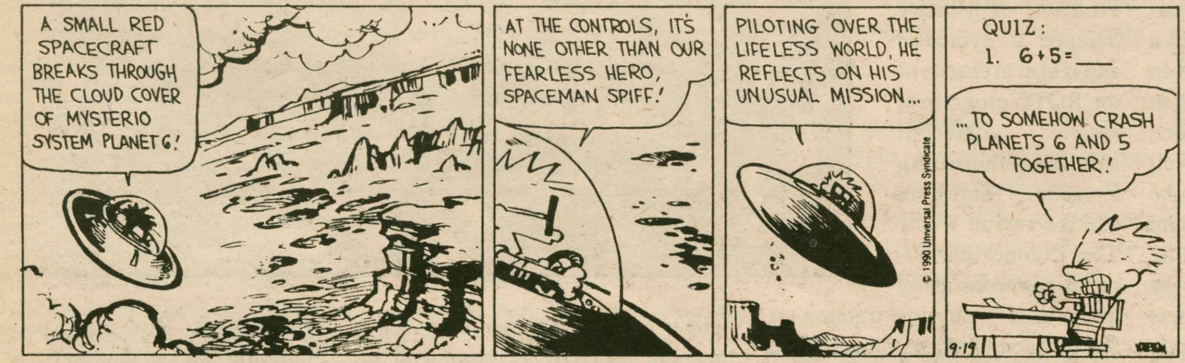
A SMALL RED SPACECRAFT BREAKS THROUGH THE CLOUD COVER OF MYSTERIO SYSTEM PLANET 6!
AT THE CONTROLS, IT'S NONE OTHER THAN OUR FEARLESS HERO, SPACEMAN SPIFF!
PILOTING OVER THE LIFELESS WORLD, HE REFLECTS ON HIS UNUSUAL MISSION...
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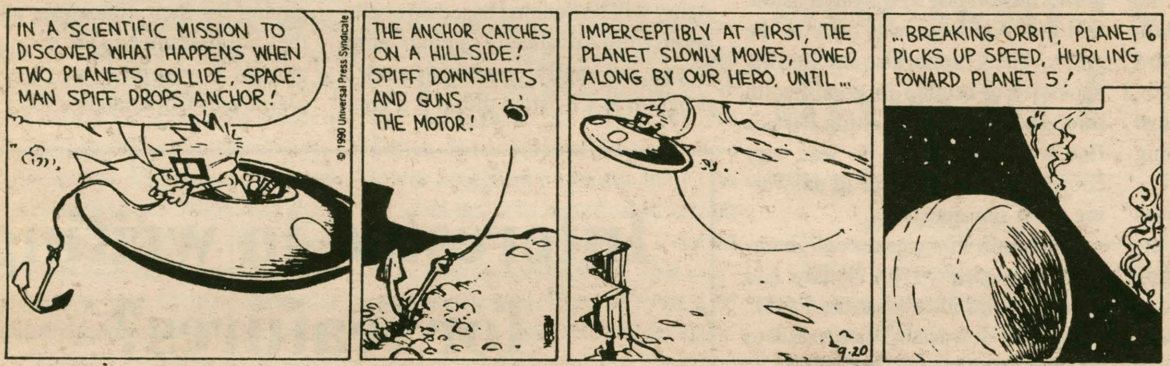
QUIZ:
1. 6+5=___
...TO SOMEHOW CRASH PLANETS 6 AND 5 TOGETHER!
9-19
WATTERSON


IN A SCIENTIFIC MISSION TO DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO PLANETS COLLIDE, SPACEMAN SPIFF DROPS ANCHOR!
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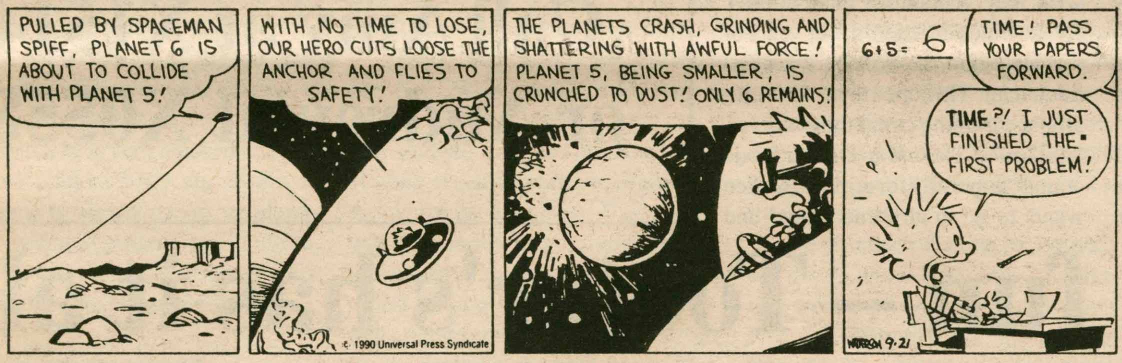
THE ANCHOR CATCHES ON A HILLSIDE! SPIFF DOWNSHIFTS AND GUNS THE MOTOR!
IMPERCEPTIBLY AT FIRST, THE PLANET SLOWLY MOVES, TOWED ALONG BY OUR HERO, UNTIL...
...BREAKING ORBIT, PLANET 6 PICKS UP SPEED, HURLING TOWARD PLANET 5!
9-20


PULLED BY SPACEMAN SPIFF, PLANET 6 IS ABOUT TO COLLIDE WITH PLANET 5!
WITH NO TIME TO LOSE, OUR HERO CUTS LOOSE THE ANCHOR AND FLIES TO SAFETY!
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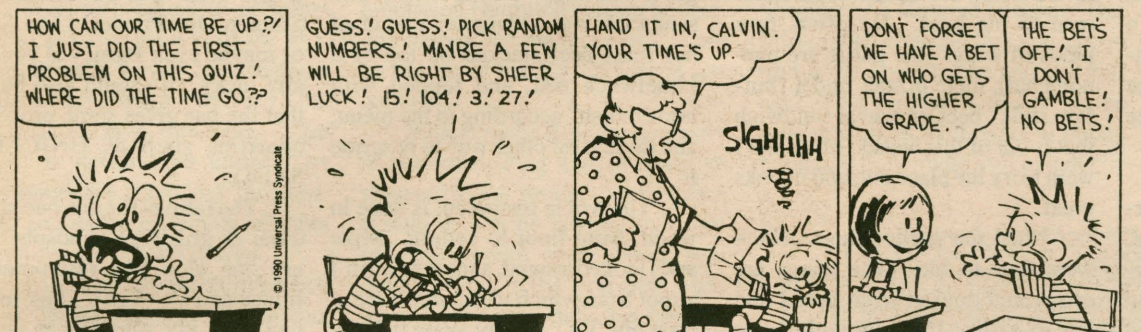
THE PLANETS CRASH, GRINDING AND SHATTERING WITH AWFUL FORCE! PLANET 5, BEING SMALLER, IS CRUNCHED TO DUST! ONLY 6 REMAINS!
6+5= 6
TIME! PASS YOUR PAPERS FORWARD.
TIME?! I JUST FINISHED THE FIRST PROBLEM!
WATTERSON 9-21


HOW CAN OUR TIME BE UP?! I JUST DID THE FIRST PROBLEM ON THIS QUIZ! WHERE DID THE TIME GO??
9-22
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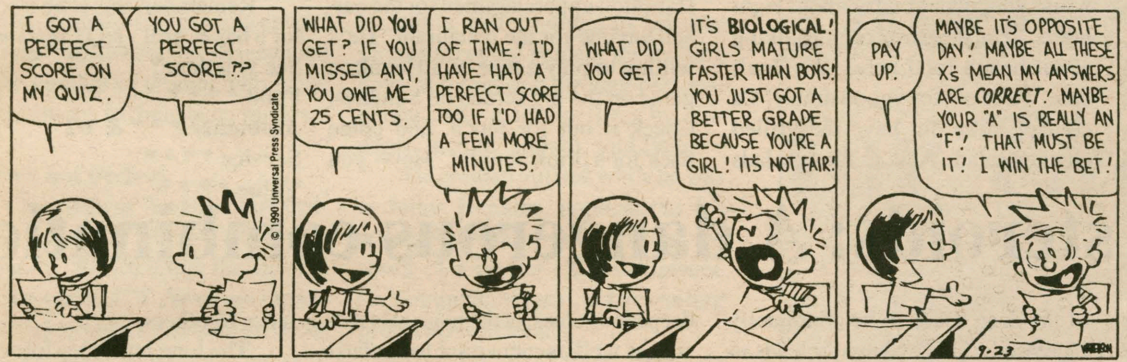
GUESS! GUESS! PICK RANDOM NUMBERS! MAYBE A FEW WILL BE RIGHT BY SHEER LUCK! 15! 104! 3! 27!
HAND IT IN, CALVIN. YOUR TIME'S UP.
SIGHHHH
DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A BET ON WHO GETS THE HIGHER GRADE.
THE BET'S OFF! I DON'T GAMBLE! NO BETS!
WATTERSON


I GOT A PERFECT SCORE ON MY QUIZ.
YOU GOT A PERFECT SCORE??
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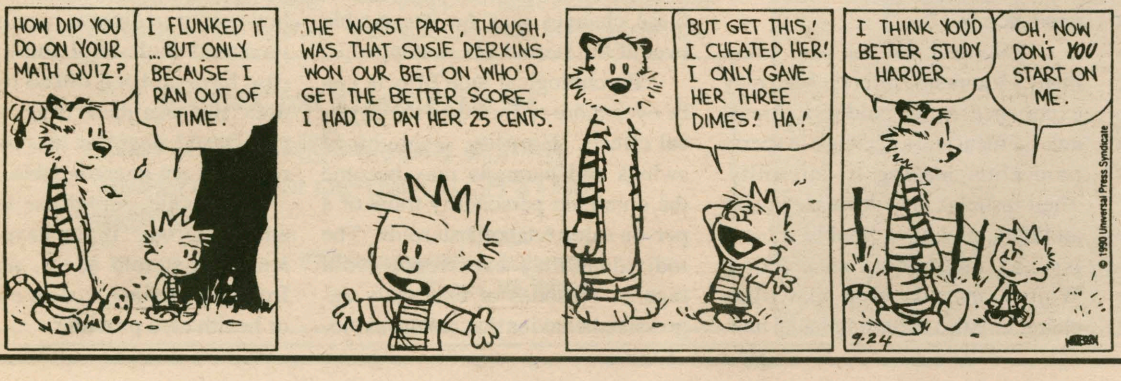
WHAT DID YOU GET? IF YOU MISSED ANY, YOU OWE ME 25 CENTS.
I RAN OUT OF TIME! I'D HAVE HAD A PERFECT SCORE TOO IF I'D HAD A FEW MORE MINUTES!
WHAT DID YOU GET?
IT'S BIOLOGICAL! GIRLS MATURE FASTER THAN BOYS! YOU JUST GOT A BETTER GRADE BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL! IT'S NOT FAIR!
PAY UP.
MAYBE IT'S OPPOSITE DAY! MAYBE ALL THESE X's MEAN MY ANSWERS ARE CORRECT! MAYBE YOUR "A" IS REALLY AN "F"! THAT MUST BE IT! I WIN THE BET!
9-23
WATTERSON


HOW DID YOU DO ON YOUR MATH QUIZ?
I FLUNKED IT ...BUT ONLY BECAUSE I RAN OUT OF TIME.
THE WORST PART, THOUGH, WAS THAT SUSIE DERKINS WON OUR BET ON WHO'D GET THE BETTER SCORE. I HAD TO PAY HER 25 CENTS.
BUT GET THIS! I CHEATED HER! I ONLY GAVE HER THREE DIMES! HA!
I THINK YOU'D BETTER STUDY HARDER.
OH, NOW DON'T YOU START ON ME.
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9-24
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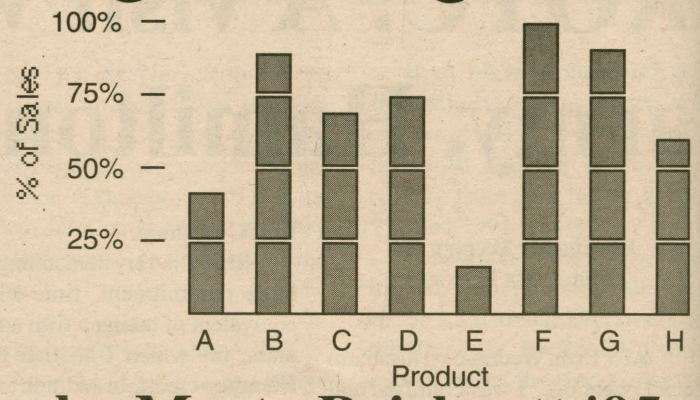
Quotable Quotes



by Marty Reichgott '95

"How come Dylan shows chest and Valerie doesn't?"
-John Bomann '96 on a bedroom scene from 90210.

"I think that guy Plato had it right; platonic is a good thing."
-Anonymous and intellectually celibate.

"Men are like ice cream: You need to try out all the flavors."
-Cathy Augusta '98 taking those 'Milk does the body good' commercials just a little too seriously.

"I felt like I was trapped in a Cathy cartoon!"
-James Piiparinen '96 on being in a woman's room while she was picking out her clothes.

"A woman always reserves the right to change her mind. Get used to it now guys!"
-Prof. Dina Lowy summerizing male-female relationships in the Far East to her Japanese class.

"I'm doing extra credit."
-Joe Mucha '96 before going downtown the night before his 'Intoxication in Poetry' class.

"The leather makes my neck sweat."
-Blair Hotchkiss '97

"You can be either pebbled, stoned, or bouldered. I'm well on my way to bouldered."
-Anonymous rock expert...Rolling Rock expert.

"I live in a world that's a little different than yours."
-Kris Kaplinski '95 explaining why he was talking to his television set.

"...so when your advisees go out, don't just tell them to 'have a good time and say hello to D'Aleo'."
-Comment made at the RA meeting about South's social scene and its RA, Jim D'Aleo.

"Sex!"
-the author answering the question of "What do you think of when you hear the word 'domitory'?"

"Boots mean Joe wants to take me home!"
-Stacey Hanna '97 explaining why Joe Iuorno '95 couldn't go downtown after a party.

This week's special feature: **Bedtime with Chia**

"Jim's going to show me God."
-Chia Pearson '95 and Jim D'Aleo '95 looking for religion in all the wrong places.

"It hasn't been a state of mine for a while."
-Chia commenting on why she didn't know how to spell the word 'celibate'.

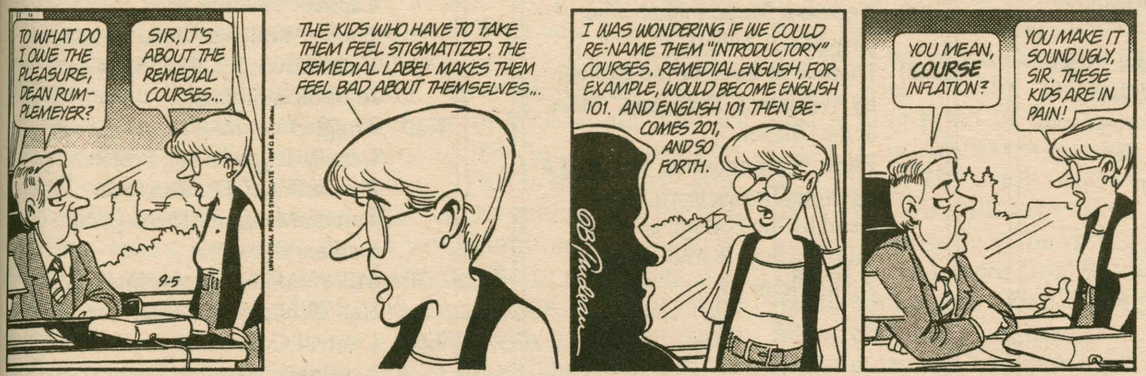
"Hunter, I don't want to touch it anymore."
-Chia refusing Hunter Chamberlain '95 another backrub.

Please send us Quotable Quotes. We need you. Really, and we mean that sincerely.

Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

BY GARRY TRUDEAU


TO WHAT DO I OWE THE PLEASURE, DEAN RUMPLEMEYER?
SIR, IT'S ABOUT THE REMEDIAL COURSES...
9-5
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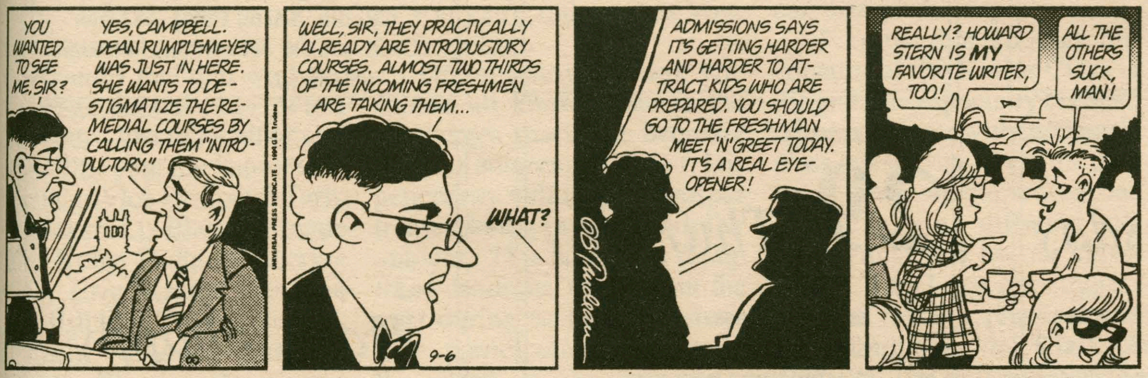
THE KIDS WHO HAVE TO TAKE THEM FEEL STIGMATIZED. THE REMEDIAL LABEL MAKES THEM FEEL BAD ABOUT THEMSELVES...
I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD RE-NAME THEM "INTRODUCTORY" COURSES. REMEDIAL ENGLISH, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BECOME ENGLISH 101. AND ENGLISH 101 THEN BECOMES 201, AND SO FORTH.
GB Trudeau
YOU MEAN, COURSE INFLATION?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND UGLY, SIR. THESE KIDS ARE IN PAIN!


YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, SIR?
YES, CAMPBELL. DEAN RUMPLEMEYER WAS JUST IN HERE. SHE WANTS TO DE-STIGMATIZE THE REMEDIAL COURSES BY CALLING THEM "INTRODUCTORY."
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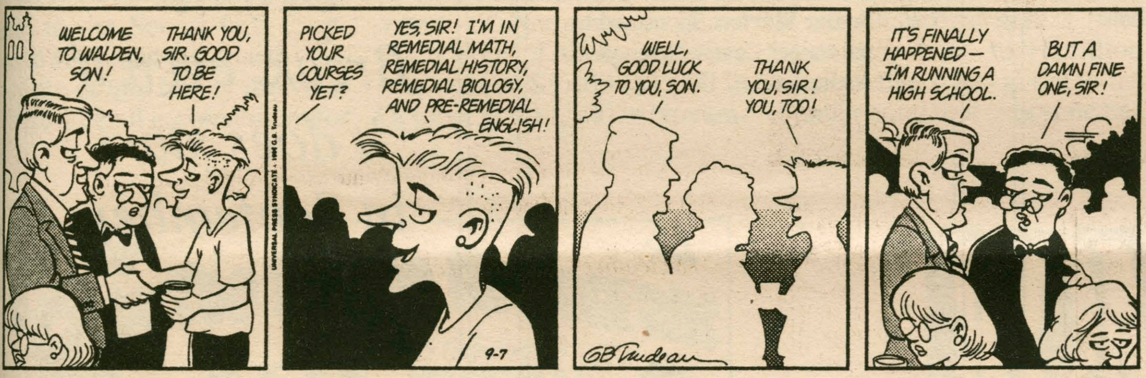
WELL, SIR, THEY PRACTICALLY ALREADY ARE INTRODUCTORY COURSES. ALMOST TWO THIRDS OF THE INCOMING FRESHMEN ARE TAKING THEM...
WHAT?
9-6
ADMISSIONS SAYS IT'S GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO ATTRACT KIDS WHO ARE PREPARED. YOU SHOULD GO TO THE FRESHMAN MEET 'N' GREET TODAY. IT'S A REAL EYE-OPENER!
GB Trudeau
REALLY? HOWARD STERN IS MY FAVORITE WRITER, TOO!
ALL THE OTHERS SUCK, MAN!


WELCOME TO WALDEN, SON!
THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD TO BE HERE!
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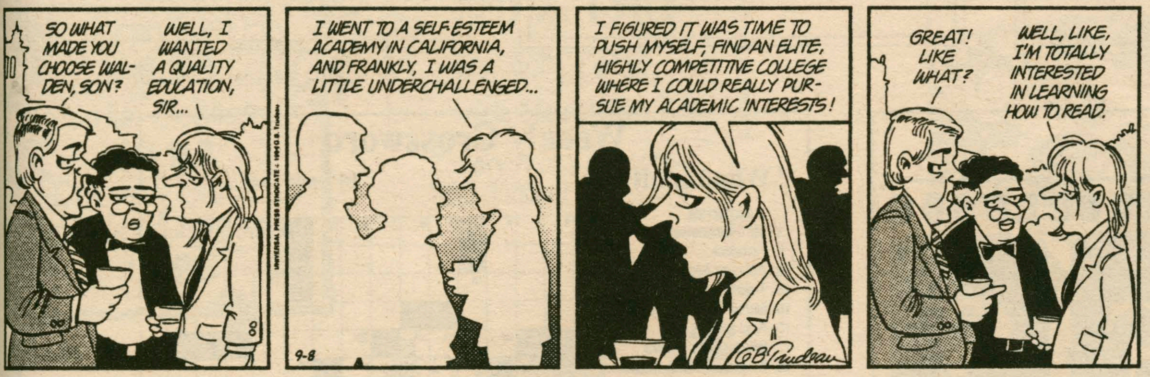
PICKED YOUR COURSES YET?
YES, SIR! I'M IN REMEDIAL MATH, REMEDIAL HISTORY, REMEDIAL BIOLOGY, AND PRE-REMEDIAL ENGLISH!
9-7
WELL, GOOD LUCK TO YOU, SON.
THANK YOU, SIR! YOU, TOO!
GB Trudeau
IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED— I'M RUNNING A HIGH SCHOOL.
BUT A DAMN FINE ONE, SIR!


SO WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE WALDEN, SON?
WELL, I WANTED A QUALITY EDUCATION, SIR...
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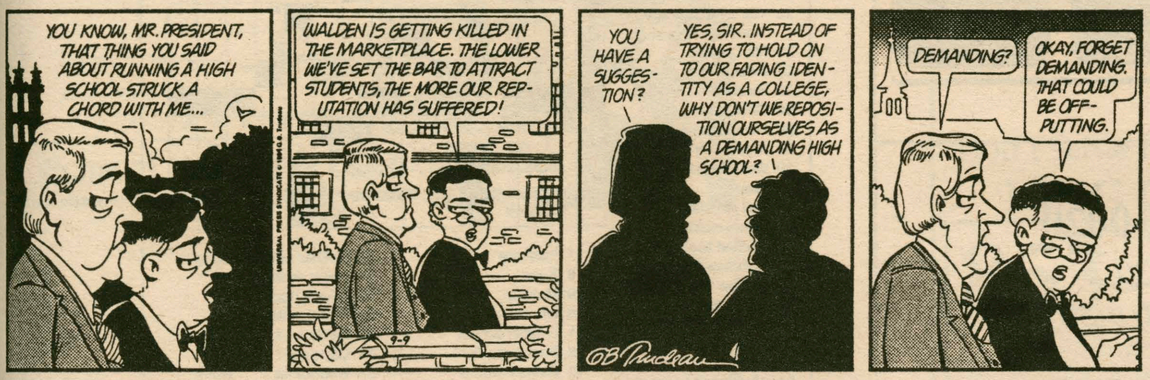
I WENT TO A SELF-ESTEEM ACADEMY IN CALIFORNIA, AND FRANKLY, I WAS A LITTLE UNDERCHALLENGED...
9-8
I FIGURED IT WAS TIME TO PUSH MYSELF, FIND AN ELITE, HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COLLEGE WHERE I COULD REALLY PURSUE MY ACADEMIC INTERESTS!
GB Trudeau
GREAT! LIKE WHAT?
WELL, LIKE, I'M TOTALLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO READ.


YOU KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THING YOU SAID ABOUT RUNNING A HIGH SCHOOL STRUCK A CHORD WITH ME...
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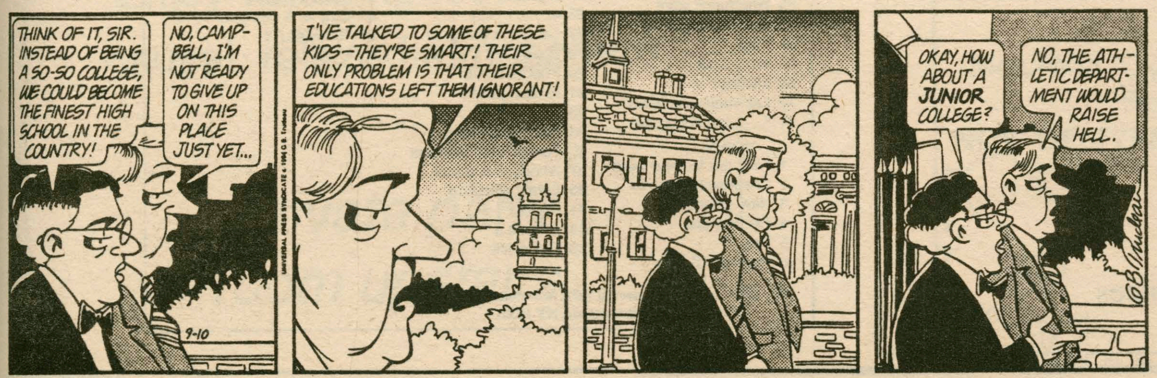
WALDEN IS GETTING KILLED IN THE MARKETPLACE. THE LOWER WE'VE SET THE BAR TO ATTRACT STUDENTS, THE MORE OUR REPUTATION HAS SUFFERED!
9-9
YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION?
YES, SIR. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO HOLD ON TO OUR FADING IDENTITY AS A COLLEGE, WHY DON'T WE REPOSITION OURSELVES AS A DEMANDING HIGH SCHOOL?
GB Trudeau
DEMANDING?
OKAY, FORGET DEMANDING. THAT COULD BE OFF-PUTTING.


THINK OF IT, SIR. INSTEAD OF BEING A SO-SO COLLEGE, WE COULD BECOME THE FINEST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY!
NO, CAMPBELL, I'M NOT READY TO GIVE UP ON THIS PLACE JUST YET...
9-10
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I'VE TALKED TO SOME OF THESE KIDS—THEY'RE SMART! THEIR ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT THEIR EDUCATIONS LEFT THEM IGNORANT!
OKAY, HOW ABOUT A JUNIOR COLLEGE?
NO, THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WOULD RAISE HELL.
GB Trudeau

Personals

Honey Bunny-
Blue Box
-Love Nutkin

Nutkin-
You did a great job this week. I can't wait for D.C.
-Old Brown

Larry McKerran-
I want you, I need you...and yes I think I love you.
-A

Jos B-

I am missing you alot these days. We need to get together soon to play some disc, listen to DMB and to finish On the Road.

-Still loving you, Jos A.

To the best looking guy (on or off campus)-

I miss you! Can't wait until October break and helping you celebrate your 21st in style!

-Weiner Schnetzl

Mr. Jay-
You're the best!
-Mr. Butts

To Kelly-
Here's your personal.
-H.

Reuben-
You are the spice of life!
-German Chick

David M.-

Thanks for putting up with me this week! Its all over!

-AC

M.-
Is Fred going to be with us this weekend?
-E.

L-

Wow! Happy 7th! If only we could have spent this one together. Its only a short time until October break-I can't wait!! I love you.....

-J

Piggy-
Happy B-day little boy. I.L.Y
-Love Cow-girl

Send us Personals through campus mail. We don't have enough friends to keep sending them ourselves.

Calendar & Movies

23 *Friday*

3:00 **Chemistry Seminar.** "Molecular Can Openers: How Bacteriophage Lyse Their Hosts." Professor Ry Young, Texas A&M University. Science Auditorium.
8:30 **Acoustic Coffeehouse.** "diappear fear." Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

24 *Saturday*

2:00 **Exhibition.** Photographs by Silvia Saunders from the Hamilton College Collection. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.
10:00 **Film: Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

25 *Sunday*

11:30 **Community Church** (Protes **tant**). Janna J. Roche,Chaplain. Root Glen (Rain site: Chapel)
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
2:00 **Historical Tour of the College by William J. Ferguson.** Meet at the Chapel.
7:30 **Film: Womenon the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

26 *Monday*

10:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.
4:15 **Lecture.** "The Unredeemed Captive: The Life and Legend of Eunice Williams." John Demos, Yale University. Red Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.
7:30 **Tuggle Lecture.** "The Ethics of Genetic Engineering: Problems an Possibilities." Dr. Ron Cole-Turner, Memphis Theological Seminary. Chapel.
8:30 **Mike Woods Jazz Quintet.** Welli Hall, Schambach Center.
9:00 **Central Council of Student Assembly Meeting.** Student Meeting. Student Conference Room, Bristol Campus Center Basement. Hamilton community welcomed.

27 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass**. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
4:00 **Unicersity of Connecticut Law School.** Career Center.
4:10 **Faculty Meeting.** Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.
5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104, McEwen.
8:00 **Film: Xica da Silva.** Co-sponsored by the Africana Studies Program and La Vanguardia. Science Auditorium.

28 *Wednesday*

7:00 **Resume Workshop.** (24-hour advance sign-up required.) Sponsored by the Career Center. Room 217, Couper Hall.
7:00 **Study Abroad Fair.** Fillius Events Bar.

29 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
2:00 **Washington University School of Law.** Career Center.
7:00 **Senior Starter.** Sponsored by the Career Center. Science Auditorium.

Have a happy October Break, even if it does start in September.

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Time Cop 12:50 7:20 9:50
Barcelona 1:20 6:50 9:25
Forest Gump 12:30 6:30 9:30
Clear and Present Danger 12:35 6:35 9:35
The Lion King 12:25 6:40 8:45
Milk Money 12:40 6:45 9:20
Natural Born Killers 1:00 7:00 10:00
The Next Karate Kid 1:10 7:10 9:40
The Mask 12:45 7:05
Trial by Jury 9:45

Up Town 797-0020

The Mask 7:00 9:30
Jurassic Park 7:00 9:30
Speed 7
Black Beauty 9:30

On Campus

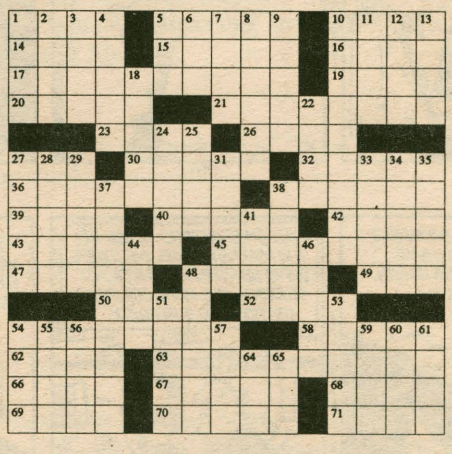
No listing available.

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Weekly Crossword

" Whodunnit ? "

By Gerry Frey



ACROSS
1 Mr. Hersheiser
5 Poorest
10 Actress Moore
14 Treaty org.
15 Muse of love poetry
16 And others
17 *Whodunnit author*
19 Enameled metalware
20 Road curves
21 Weather conditions
23 Word with garage or house
26 Mr. Clapton
27 Liable
30 Relaxes
32 Timeworn
36 *Whodunnit Inspector*
38 Steps over fences
39 Word with Big or Down
40 Deli special
42 Hanoi resident
43 Kitchen tools
45 *Whodunnits' quest*
47 Narrow strip of wood
48 "Let's go for __ ____"
49 Hesitating words
50 Type of sch.
52 Guide
54 *Whodunnit Lamont*
58 Pace
62 Towel word
63 *Whodunnit attire*
66 Cornerstone word
67 Dog ______
68 Work wool
69 Midday
70 Las Vegas machines
71 ". . . sana in corpore ___

DOWN
1 Fairy tale leading word
2 Cheerleaders words
3 Nice summers
4 Finishes last
5 Tiny
6 Hockey's Bobby
7 Evaluate
8 Boas
9 Makeup
10 *Whodunnit hero*
11 English school
12 Beer ingredient
13 French islands
18 Nicholas and Ivan
22 Dew
24 Ogles
25 Jacob's twin
27 Courier & Sampras
28 Braid
29 Puccini opera
31 Potato growth
33 Type of skirt
34 Freshwater worm
35 Former Sen. Kefauver
37 *Whodunniit author*
38 Subtly ridiculing
41 Wicked
44 Uncs, e.g.
46 End of life
48 Neither right or wrong
51 Major endings
53 Bridge necessities
54 *Whodunnit Charlie*
55 Nevada city
56 Cartoonist Peter
57 *Whodunnit ____ Wolfe*
59 Ms. Lisa
60 Ache's partner
61 Mr. Preminger
64 Courier & Sampras need
65 Today's LP's

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Slattery begins '95 Senior Gift campaign with enthusiasm

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article that was published in *The Spectator* on September 9, 1994 on behalf of the Senior Gift Campaign. I would like to start by saying "thank you" to those members of the Senior Class who have already volunteered their time to the Campaign by being captains or agents. If it wasn't for all your support, we wouldn't be where we are today.

This year I, Jill Slattery, am the chair of the Senior Gift Campaign. I have been working conscientiously with the vice-chairs, and I feel that we have already gotten our class off to a good start. Just to let all of you know - this year the Senior Gift Campaign vice-chairs are Tarik Abdelazim, Liz Blabey, Bonnie Carr, Kelly Dietz, Catherine Hyde, Eric Klein, Lunshan Liao, Bill Orr, Tracee Plowell, Virginia Savage, and Jim Serhant. We all welcome any concerns you may have in regard to the Senior Gift Campaign so please feel free to contact me or any one of the vice-chairs when it is convenient for you

The Senior Gift Campaign is a year-long fundraising project. This year we have set our goal at 95% class participation. In other words, we are aiming for 95% of our class to give to the Senior Gift Campaign. This is the highest goal that will be achieved in the history of Hamilton if we make it! I would like to stress that it is not the amount of money that you contribute to the Campaign that is important (although we would like you to give as much as you can), rather, it is your participation.

One incentive I think you should all know about is the challenges that have been set up by an anonymous donor. His generosity will help us prosper tremendously in terms of dollar amount. This donor has set up three deadlines throughout the year-during the first semester a 25% participation goal set in the month of October, and a 50% particpation goal set in the month of November. If we reach both of these goals we will recieve $3,000 ($1,500 in October and $1,500 in November). After Winter Break we face a 75% deadline in the month of February where we will recieve an additional $2,000 if we reach the participation goal. Finally, the biggest selling point of the campaign is the $9,500 bonus for the Class of 1995 at the end of the year. We will receive the money some time in the spring should we reach our final 95% participation goal. That's **$14, 500** in challenges for our class. So, you can see how **your** gift to the Senior Gift Campaign can bring us a long way.

I know that another big concern of the Senior Class is the gift idea especially because of the problems with last year's class consensus. Over the past month the core committee has been exploring different gift ideas suggested by our classmates. I feel that our suggestions are creative, practical, and something that the Class of 1995 will be remembered for by Hamilton in the future. This is our chance to give a little something back to Hamilton after all that it has given to us. I understand that everyone has had their ups and downs throughout their four years at school but we must realize that this is a place where we have grown intellectually and socially and it's important to show our appreciation for the education we have received, the friends we have made, the experiences we have had, the opportunities we have enjoyed, and the countless options we will confront in the future. Our class gift should reflect the values that our class finds important. I hope that all of you will help out with the decision. Please note that the Class of 1995 will be voting on a gift idea the 29th of September in Beineke Village.

I will not overwhelm you with any more information but I will be sure to keep you updated throughout the year about the proceedings of our Campaign. In the meantime do not hesitate to ask me any questions at x0303 about the Senior Gift Campaign should any arise.

Jill Slattery '95

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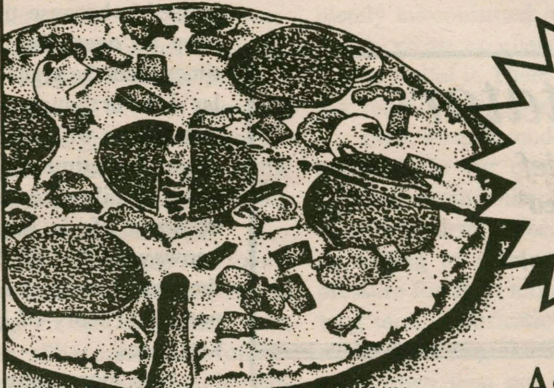

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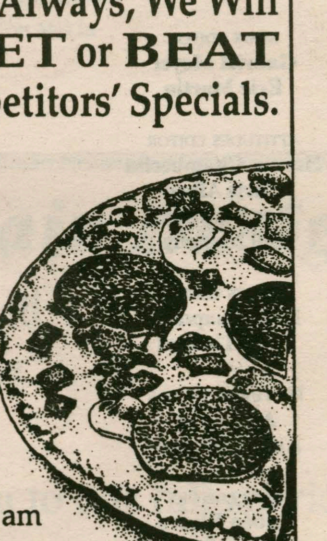

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EDITORIAL

U.S. News rankings: do they really matter and who cares?

Number thirty. That, according to *U.S. News and World Report,* is where this school ranks among the small liberal arts colleges in this country. This editorial could rail on other schools, saying that we are much better, or it could claim that the judges in this little contest of colleges were deaf, dumb and blind. The fact of the matter is, though, this ranking is not that much of a surprise and it should not be seen as the end of the world.

First, let's take a look at why we were ranked so low. For the class of '97, this school accepted 57% of those who applied. This was a horrendous year that obviously lowered our ranking a great deal, considering acceptance rate counts for 25% of the ranking. By accepting more students, our average SAT score also fell, hurting us even more.

Finally, if everyone recalls, this school happened to be under a great deal of construction in the spring and summer of '93, when the survey data was being gathered. I think we can be quite sure that the large numbers of construction vehicles did not help our case either. This was something that we just couldn't control.

All of this is what lowered our ranking in the eyes of this survey. If this is what hurt us, then we are in alright shape for next year. The acceptance rate has gone down by a good margin. This will obviously raise the average SAT score of this school. The construction has ended and we have Beinecke and a new Carnegie and South to show for it. The supposed problems of this school, in the eyes of *U.S. News and World Report,* has been solved. We should rise as quickly as we have fallen.

All around us, we see students, faculty and administrators showing concern over the ranking of this school. We all hear our families tell us that Hamilton's reputation is falling all over the country. In all truth, however, this survey could have the accuracy of weathercasters. We have no idea whether they are right or not. Maybe it is true that they are right because they can influence the country's thoughts of a particular school. This is a case where having an ego is the best thing; let's tell the *U.S. News* that we have a pretty good school and if they don't believe it, they have no idea what they're talking about, no matter how much they are paid for their thinking. Since when do Hamiltonians care about what the rest of the country thinks.

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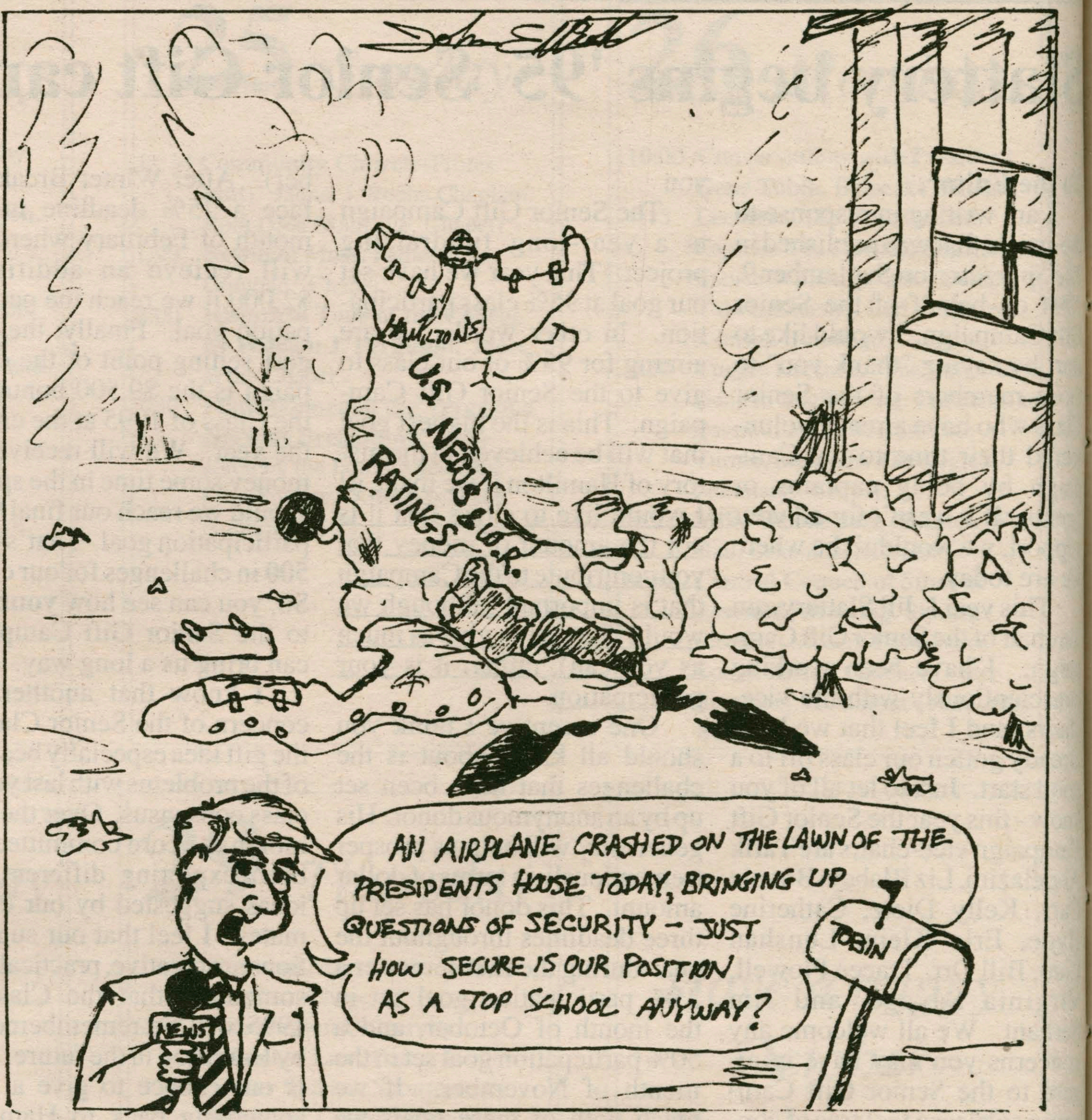
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NEWS

Grade inflation at Hamilton College:

a problem that needs to be addressed

Oscar Leal

Random Noise

Hi! My name is Oscar Leal and I will be writing this column, "Random Noise," for the rest of the semester. The reason it is titled "Random Noise" is because the column will have no overriding theme. Often times I feel the urge to share particular views or thoughts with others and this column will serve as a great medium. Sometimes my topics will be about Hamilton, sometimes they will be about life in general, and who knows what else. By the way, I found the term "random noise" in my Economics (Theory of Financial Markets) book.

One more thing before I start writing my "real" topic for the day. When reading my column I urge you all to be open minded. I have heard people be pretty harsh on columns and columnists. You are welcome to disagree with me (obviously) but at least consider my point of view and accept the fact that we all have different beliefs. Be critical, but do it in a constructive manner, please? On that note, if you have any questions or comments drop a note in campus mail (I hate checking an empty mail box). This invitation applies to everyone in the Hamilton Community, from faculty to students.

The last couple of weeks I have read articles in *The Spectator* about grade inflation with great interest. They led me to wonder what I though about the problem. One day, when a freshman asked me how difficult it was at Hamilton, I realized that there may be a problem with grading but it is not simply grade inflation.

I told the "first year" that it was fairly easy to get by but to earn really good grades (88 and up) was very difficult. That is, the difference between 80 and 86 may be a few hours of work a week but the difference between an 88 and 90 is more than several hours of work.

Although there may be grade inflation, the real problem is a massive trend toward the middle. That is, many(not all) courses seem to be set up in a manner which makes it easy to pull off an 80 but disproportionately difficult to earn a 90%. I do not have the figures but there seems to be very little deviation in the grades at Hamilton. Professors may not only be "afraid" to give the low grade but they are also tentative in giving the A or A- because something better might come along.

When the administrators discuss grade inflation and tell professors to set rigorous academic standards, I would suggest they remind the faculty to reward exceptional work. Otherwise, we will simply shift from having 90 percent of our grades centered in the 80 to 85 range to having 90 percent of our grades centered in the 75-80 range. If we simply grade tougher little will b solved. The faculty must grade les tentatively, giving the C work a C an the A work an A.

I would like to emphasize that I a not suggesting the faculty at Hamilto is poor. On the contrary, I have foun most of my instructors superb. Gradin is not what makes an effective instructor. I (as well as many people whom I know) evaluate an instructor on thei ability to communicate their knowledg and the ability of their course to mak me say "I'm glad I took this class, it wa beneficial." Think about it. . . Ho many times have your heard someon say "It's a really hard course but it worth it?" I've heard it pretty often.

The administration's concern abou evaluations may be a valid one, but no as serious a problem as they believe. I have given a less than dazzling evaluation of instructors who gave me an excellent grade and vice-a-versa. A interesting, well -designed course make for a great class. Hamilton students wil reflect this in the evaluation of professors even if they are graded rigorousl In addition, classes of this sort alon with a less tentative grading polic would provide extra incentive for Hamilton students to achieve academic excellence.

I urge the Hamilton administration to look more closely at the gradin problems. There may be problems, bu the generic term "grade inflation" doe not cover the reality or scope of an which exist. The problem is compression of grades. That is, the grades a Hamilton are centered in a very small range.

Haiti: more proof that Clinton does not know how to handle foreign policy crises

Hunter Chamberlin

Apple Pie

Policy changes follow policy changes with disheartening speed. Yet Haiti's ruling thugs have not budged. The exodus gathers new momentum, and so do the daily drownings.

-Boston Globe editorial, 7/7/94

The Clinton administration has achieved in a few weeks what it usually takes an administration years to achieve, and that's not the shift in policy but the total collapse of the policy.

-Fred Barnes, NBC's *The McLaughlin Group* 7/8/94

I meant to have somewhat humerous quotes to start every article, and I realize these are anything but that. I had to change my policy on that this week because of the seriousness of the matter I am discussing. Besides, policy changes seem to be more popular than ever before.

The latest hot issue in the press is, of course, Haiti. President Clinton made a positive contribution to the world when he averted a U.S. invasion of Haiti. What he is doing instead of invading, however, is so deplorable that the Haiti debacle only serves to add itself to the growing list of bungled foreign policy actions that have come to be expected from the Clinton administration.

To avert this invasion, a deal was made with Cedras. That is what the White House called it: a deal. Upon closer examination, however, it looks nothing like a deal and everything like a capitulation. Cedras is still in power and will continue to be in power; he and his Brig. Gen. Phillipe Biamby agreed resign by October 15 in return for amnesty. We have his word that he will comply. His word, however, is less than a secure promise. One year ago, on Governors Island, he made the Governors Island agreement in which he promised he would step down. Low and behold, despite his word that he would remove himself from office, he is still in power today, making the same promises that he would step down.

But this time he means it, or so we are led to believe. So the United States made a "deal." But what has changed since this "agreement?" According to John Kifner of the *New York Times* in an article this past Wednesday, "By early afternoon of the second day of the American mission here, the police, the army... and the very people that the American presence was supposed to remove from power, were back in control...beating people at will." One Haitian who was selling coconuts to American sympathizers was beaten over the head and killed.

So we are not in Haiti to drive Cedras out of power. What are we there to do? According to Army spokesmen Colonel Barry Willey, our soldiers are there to "create a secure and stable environment to allow the government of Haiti to reinstate itself." This, however, is cacauphony. Since the arrival of U.S. personnel, the violence has only gotten worse. Haitian thugs working for Cedras are aware of several things. They are aware of the fact that the U.S. soldiers themselves are confused as to why they are there. The Haitian thugs also know that the soldiers themselves may be helpless to intervene. This only adds to American confusion. Knowing all this, the Haitian thugs have gotten worse and worse in an effort to see how far they will be allowed to go; how much violence the American forces are willing to put up with. So far, there have been no limits. One American soldier said that he would have to radio for permission to intervene if he saw someone being raped or beaten to death. Given this, how are we supposes to "create a secure and stable environment?"

Obviously, people are unsure of our mission in Haiti just as they were unsure of our mission in Somalia, Cuba, or North Korea. More importantly, it appears that Clinton himself doesn't know what our mission in Haiti is. Nor does he know how to handle the situation. His vassilations on this sore spot of foreign policy are plethoric. The last two years have seen a number of different Haitian policies which are completely contradictory to each other. The effect of these vassilations is two-fold. Firstly, our allies lose faith in our ability to lead. Secondly, and more importantly, the dangerous dictatorships that were once afraid of American military might are now aware of the ineptitude that has entrenched itself at the head of our military. Consequently, we are not as powerful as we once were. We have now become the laughing stock of third world nations that openly violate agreements without fear of retribution.

The first Haitian policy was to attack the cold-hearted Bush policy of returning the Haitians to their land. Compassionate Clinton said he would accept these people into the United States. Before he was even inaugurated, however, he changed his mind: no longer would he accept them. He suddenly embraced the Bush policy that he had just recently attacked with fervor. In May 1994, he changed yet again his Haitian policy and initiated a program whereby Haitian refugees would have political asylum hearings at sea or in other countries. The last Haitian policy is that the escaping Haitians would be put in "safe havens" in Panama and Cuba. Perhaps those that know about Clinton's foreign policy best are the American reporters. Steve Komarow of *USA Today* says "Only one outcome of President Clinton's new Haitian policy seems certain: it won't last."

President Clinton should do one of two things. The first option is to give an ultimatum: if Cedras does not step down from power and leave the country, we will invade. If he does not do this, the only option is to invade. No waffling, no more deals. Richard Nixon in his book *Beyond Peace* says that the most important thing in foreign policy is to make sure the enemy knows exactly what you plan to do. Because Clinton has waffled so many times in so many areas, there is no way for anyone to know exactly what he is going to do. This is very dangerous.

The other, and I would opine, more desirable option, is not to intervene. There are several reasons for this. One is financial. The Pentagon estimates that a seven month occupation of Haiti would cost $427 million. Several high ranking officials in the White House have said that another $500 million has been pledged to Aristide. Other amounts would bring the cost of our intervention to over $1 billion. Besides the huge financial burden, there is the more important human life factor. Military intervention, whether it be an invasion or an occupation, or whatever the spin doctors are calling it, would result in American casualties. Already there have been threats against their lives. "If the Americans come to shoot our Haitian brothers, they will die!" says Jean Clarivoux. Jean Luis proclaims "They will never come, but if they do, I will kill them." They came. And some of them will die. There might be a repeat of Somalia where we will see the bodies of our friends, relatives, or loved ones being dragged through the streets. And as of Thursday, Clinton has said American soldiers will be able to intervene in the violence between Haitians. This will only serve to involve our soldiers in Haitian affairs to a greater extent, which will in turn put American soldiers at greater risk. Hence, more American soldiers will die. I don't want this to happen. I agree with Senator Bob Dole who said that "Haiti is not worth the blood of a single American soldier."

Why are they there? To put Aristide back in power. Aristide, the picture of civility and human rights, right? Wrong. *The Washington Post* calls Aristide "a populist who used mob rule to intimidate political critics. During his brief stay in office he spoke glowingly of the 'necklace', the burning tire ignited around the necks of victims of street execution." The 'necklace' Aristide himself said is "beautiful, it is cute, it is pretty...it has a good smell, wherever you go you want to inhale it." This is the person we are trying to put in power at the cost of over a $1 billion and priceless human life. How reassuring.

Haiti does not pose a vital threat to the United States, and human rights violations will not abate upon intervention. Nor is it certain Cedras will step down. Even if he does, the alternative is not much better. It is ironic that the very same people who protested the Viet Nam war on the grounds that we should not be playing the world policeman have now seized the White House and are in-

Ravven corrects a quote taken out of context in *Spectator*

To the Editor,

In last week's (Sept. 16) Spectator article, *Administration Seeks to Address Grade Inflation: Faculty Views on Grade Inflation Vary: Agree Problem must be addressed:"* I was quoted out of context and my position substantially mischaracterized.

My remarks in the phone interview in fact began with the statement that to focus on grade inflation as the culprit and on raising grades as the remedy was to construe the problem of excellence too narrowly.

Second, I suggested that focusing on grades as the primary means of getting students to produce work of higher caliber presents the following problem: it creates an authoritarian and punitive relationship between faculty and students. Rather than helping to encourage students toward greater intellectual independence, I am concerned that it would produce the opposite result.

My final point, which was completely misconstrued, was this: the way to create excellence is for faculty to model it. There is no substitute for this and no short cut to it.

First, we must model the highest standards in our own intellectual endeavors both in the classroom and in our scholarship. Second, we must be willing to stand up to student pressure for short term, rather than long term, gratification. The pleasures of learning and discovery are, more often than not, gained only after considerable frustration and labor.

To enable that to happen, the reward system, especially for untenured faculty, needs to be changed so that the faculty can pursue the practice and teaching of their disciplines with full integrity. Focussing primarily on the grading system does not address the underlying causes that keep us from reaching our full potential as a first-rate college.

Heidi M. Ravven
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United States should take responsibility for Haitian situation

Lets Just stay out...If they want to kill themselves, Let them!!! A comment I heard as I was walking down Martin's Way,...

Stay out? Are they really killing themselves? Are you calling the Haitian people savages, barbarians? Insulting the same people whom conquered Napoleon, drove out the Europeans and had the first and only successful slave rebellion leading to their first independence in 1804?

Who is responsible for the plight of Haitian politics? Is it the same country who trained the Haitian Presidential guard to ensure the right kind of political stability in the early part of the century? Or the country which gave forty million dollars in military expenditures just in 1992 alone, not including economic support funds (ESF) which were inadvertently used toward greater military control.[1] Yes, I am talking about the United States of America.

How can the U.S. not take responsibility for the situation in Haiti today, when the U.S. government not only supported the authoritarian, oppressive dictatorships in Haiti, but controlled and manipulated Haitian politics throughout this entire century ?

The United States occupation began in 1915 when President Wilson decided to broaden the Monroe Doctrine to exclude Europeans from financial, as well as political and military invention, after Germany indicated an interest in extending its investments to Haiti. Wilson established a treaty with Haiti, (without any Haitian consultation) which legitimized U.S. occupation by making Haiti a "U.S. protectorate." This treaty called for control of the country for ten years, to bring back stability and economic independence to the country . This occupation did not encourage peace within the society, but brought about massive rebellion and violence fostered by the strict and extremely prejudice U.S. military.

In 1934, the Haitian people celebrated and proclaimed their second independence after the last of the U.S. Marine boats left. However this was not the end to political oppression and domination in Haiti. In 1957, Dr. Francois Duvalier—Papa Doc—was elected president, yet soon after his election, he converted his tenure to that of the President-for - life status. His regime was characterized by acts of violence and torture to people in opposition. Yet even human rights abuses were astronomical, his dictatorship was supported by the United States. The U.S. was responsible for supporting the notorious private army, popularly called the Tontons Macoutes, who used extortion and intimidation to crush all possible opposition to the President's rule.[2]

This regime continued until Duvalier's death in 1971, when his son, Baby Doc at age 19, assuming power immediately, continuing the violent, oppressive, U.S.-backed dictatorship. The new Duvalier regime controlled Haitian politics until he was violently forced to leave in 1986, after he had already closed all universities, schools and radio stations and imposed a state of siege and declared martial law.

After several more years of governmental restructuring and shifting hands, Aristide was elected President of the Republic in February 1991, a candidate that the U.S. supported, but with great scrutiny due to his "socialist" tendencies. He stayed in power only eight months until the military junta, led by Commander-in-Chief of the Army, General Cédras took control of the government in a violent coup.

After three years of negotiations with the Organization of American States and a heavy international embargo, the United States decided to invade Haiti and to put Aristide back in power. However, after a passionate speech by President Clinton about U.S. hegemonic power asserting stability in the region by an invasion, the U.S. negotiated only the use of American troops to ensure Aristide's position as President once again. But why is Haiti such a strategic interest to U.S. foreign Policy, why Haiti and not other countries with similiar human rights abuses?

Well, according to Teddy Roosevelt, "the only sin greater than inefficiency is instability." How can the National City Bank of the United States collect revenues in a country where the government can not ensure payment of debts and assurance of the countries complete integration into the international system?

The initiative to stabilize the Haitian government stems back to the three essential elements of U.S. agenda, big business, Wall Street and the banking industry—capitalism. Haiti has been part of the world market since it was incorporated as part of "the sugar islands." A role within the international community which will condemn them permanently to unemployment and poverty. As Galeano states, the international division of labor, as a result of capitalism, has condemned Haiti to a sugar producing country. Is this natural? Should we accept the economic situation in Haiti and therefore also the oppression and violence which is associated with a devastatingly poor country which lacks basic human necessities, as clean water, shelter and food?

Christin Mullen

Hola

Karl Marx would say NO! It is not a natural process which forced Haiti into a position of suppling industrialized countries with raw materials. The international division of labor which forces Haiti to produce sugar and coffee was organized by men- more specifically, men within the world development of capitalism; condemning Haiti as a country of chaos and poverty.

You believe perhaps, that the production of coffee and sugar is the natural destiny of the West Indies. Two centuries ago, nature, which does not trouble herself about commerce, had planted neither sugarcane nor coffee trees there.

-Karl Marx, 1848

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[1] Data furnished under the Foreign Assistance Act and the direct defense department appropriations.

[2] The Europa World Yearbook 1993

U.S News report is not an accurate depiction of college ranking

To the Editor:

It's that time of year, again. It's the time when the leaves change color, the temperature gets colder, and *US News & World Report* publishes its annual guide to "Americas Best Colleges." It's that time of year, but this year something's different. The leaves have turned yellow, and it definitely feels like mid October already. What could it be? If you haven't heard by now, Hamilton has dropped out of the "Top 25" highly selective small liberal arts colleges.

What did we do wrong? What happens now? Are we destined to plummet in a downward spiral to the bottom of the list? What happened this year is definitely a fluke. I won't dive deep into the facts - I'm sure the news section has already done that - but I believe there are two major reasons why we dropped in rank. We had two completely independent variables - change of administrative jobs and Class of 1997 acceptance and yield rates - move us off the Top 25 list. These dual blunders have not been repeated this year. Instead, this year's first-year class has a significantly lower acceptance rate and a higher enrollment than the Class of 1997.

Everyone I have spoken to so far this week is worried about the implications of our drop. Many believe this will hurt the school, and some even told me that we are destined to reach the bottom the list. After much contemplation and consideration, I have come to the conclusion that even though we are off the list, it will not hurt us. Many people do not look down upon the schools that do not make it on the list. The advantage to being in the Top 25 is that it is free advertising. That is it. In other words, we do not have the current free advertising that we have had in past years. Next year I predict a jump back onto the list (due to the statistics of the Class of 1998). But I must concede, though, that dropping off the list this year will hurt Hamilton's *US News* reputation in two years time (that is when the Class of 1999 enrollment statistics will be factored in).

Everyone must realize, though, that this is the only way the college will be affected. The students will not be affected, the quality of education we receive will not change, and this will not affect job placement after graduation. The college ranking, though it is important for enticing prospective students, has no relevance on anything else that happens at college.

US News Needs to Revamp Rating System

According to *US News*, Hamilton has dramatically lessened in quality over a span of five months. Have professors forgotten how to teach? Have all of our facilities crumbled? Of course not. These questions bring a new perspective to the question "why did we drop?" After all, our school hasn't changed over the summer.

If Hamilton College hasn't changed, then our rankings should be proportionally the same as last year. But they're not. Then what could have caused this change? The only thing that has changed, which ironically affects our ranking, is the *high school statistics*. These are the statistics of high school students who apply to colleges. *US News* fails to realize that these numbers have no bearing on the greatness of a college. The purpose of high school is to learn names, dates, facts and figures. The purpose of college, on the other hand, is to teach you how to think. When you leave college, you should be full of questions. *US News*, in essence, rates the quality of a college by the level of the high school experience students have had. *US News* also fails to realize that high school experience is entirely different - and has no bearing - on the college experience.

US News also bases the student selectivity on the average or midpoint score on the SAT. This is almost as atrocious as ranking a college based on grades a student receives in high school. It has been all but proven that the SAT is a test that measures how well you can take a test. It does require some intelligence, but if you have a few hundred dollars, Kaplan and Princeton Review can guarantee a 200 point rise in your scores. How? Because they tell you how to take the test. *US News* uses these SAT scores as a determinant of the intelligence of a college's student body.

So how could *US News* improve their methods? Obviously, they should change the criteria by which they rate a school. One possible measurement they could use is job placement. After all, isn't the purpose of college to prepare you for the real world? You go to college to get a job, so one's measurement should be what percentage of the graduating class is given jobs (if they are not attending graduate school).

Another category could be the quality and availability of the facilities and resources. For instance, a school with a powerful computer network should be rewarded more than a school that uses smoke signals to send messages.

What about student involvement? Possibly the most overlooked area of college is self-growth. Almost no individual applying to college asks themselves if a school can help them grow and learn outside of class. If a school has weak clubs and activities, the school should be penalized. The college student must have the chance to grow and learn from others outside of the classroom, and the environment is not condusive to that, then they learn little and do not profit from that environment.

Many high school students, and their parents alike, pay too much attention to the Top 25 list. People must learn that the list is very subjective and does not accurately measure the quality of a school. People have to realize that US News is more interested in selling an issue than helping someone find the right place for four years.

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U.S. cultural imperialism hides behind feminism

Cairo conference based on Western insensitivity politics

On September fifth the United Nations convened in Cairo for a conference on population. It became evident that any discussion of population control must, inevitably, turn to a discussion of women's rights. Overpopulation is a phenomenal problem which is difficult, if not impossible, to overcome. However, there seems to be a solution. In Thailand, a poor and underdeveloped nation, population soared, while poverty prevailed. Now after years of work to empower women, creating an impressively egalitarian society, population has leveled off and Thailand has prospered (Newsweek Sept 94). The U.N., led by Al Gore, feels that this may be a solution. But the solutions they advocate amount to little more than cultural imperialism.

A call for educational, political, and social rights for women is something that few of us would openly oppose. However, what Al Gore is actually asking for is an abortion free for all, accompanied by the promotion of birth control, and, eventually the destruction of traditional cultures. As is oft the case with the U.S., and especially certain members of the liberal wing, multiculturalism is window dressing for a single, global community governed by the same basic culture.

It is extremely presumptuous of Western society to go marching into the Muslim world and tear the veils off Muslim women, telling them they are being liberated. Well, what if they don't want to be liberated? I guess that's just too bad for them. Many cultures out side of the West, and specifically the U.S., have drastically different views of men, women, and the family. Although these societies certainly have their critics, they are very different from those found in America.

America is a, largely, secular institution. Religion is often pushed to the back, and the individual forced to the fore. In other nations it can be quite the opposite. It is impossible for these countries to adhere to the Western standards that are being promoted. Therefore, they must reject the current notions promoted by the west, and the world remains divided about issues of population control.

This is indicative of a greater problem both in the U.S. and in within Liberal ideologies. The u.S. is a society made of people from varying backgrounds, different beliefs. The Liberals accuse the conservatives of being insensitive to the needs of the people, and they usually are, but, in reality, the sensitivity police can be equally insensitive. Assaulting people's basic beliefs and values under the banner of liberation, progress, and equality, is not a necessary evil. It is an abomination; Liberal politics gone awry.

Perhaps the majority of the population problem exists in poorer nations, resulting in greater poverty, death and disease. And, perhaps education is a key factor in alleviating this problem. However, forcing the views and ideal of the United States, and much of the rest of the West, on other countries and cultures is Eurocentric, to say the least. It is a judgement of inferiority to advise against cultural traditions and ridicule when this advice is ignored.

Feminism takes on many faces with many cultures. A Middle Eastern feminist is a very different species from American feminists (although there is no one, specific, American feminism either). To refute another's religious beliefs is to refute their existence. They may well want liberation, but not. necessarily, by the Western definition. People in other countries have lived lives drastically different from those in America. Therefore, they believe differently from us. To tell them abortion and birth control is empowerment is absurd. It contradicts what they believe about men and women's roles, and assaults their notions of right and wrong.

Only the U.S, with its history of imperialism, would be so presumptuous as to wage a culture war under the guise of helping the world. Only U.S. Liberals would be foolish enough to exonerate themselves from any sort of imperialistic tendencies or culture wrongdoings, and then turn around and act in ways that they constantly reprimand. This is yet another example of sensitivity gone awry, and the American superiority complex infecting Liberal politics.

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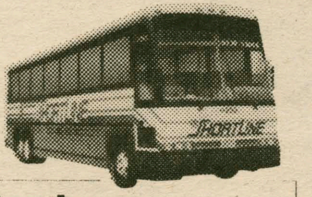

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Julianne Baird captivates Wellin Hall

BY NICK MASTROCINQUE '95
A&E GUEST WRITER

Soprano Julianne Baird commenced the "Music at Hamilton Artists' Series" with her evening performance at the Schambach Center's Wellin Hall on Saturday, September 17th. The guitar duo of Laura Oltman and Michael Newman supported her scintillating two-hour performance.

Ms. Baird began the concert with Joaquín Rodrigo's enchanting "De los álamos vengo." She proceeded to sing a repertoire of mostly intimate material that included songs from Spanish composers of various eras, the Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera, and the Italian composer Giovanni Felice Sances. Ms. Baird embellished the songs with impressive articulation and expression.

Perhaps the most charming piece of the performance was Sances' "Cantada Sopra la Ciaccona," thanks to Ms. Oltman's and Mr. Newman's accompaniment as much as Ms. Baird's technically accomplished voice. Ms. Baird repeated Ginastera's similarly delightful lullaby "En la cuna blanca" as an encore. The repertoire included lullabys, laments, and ballads, and it also enabled the guitarists to embark upon duo excursions in Fernando Sor's "Dance in the Spanish Style" and Issac Albeniz' "Asturias" and "Cataluña."

An internationally known figure in early European music, Ms. Baird has had an eventful 1993-94 season. Last December, New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art featured her in a holiday concert with the Aulos Ensemble. She performed English Renaissance songs in January with the lutenist Ronn McFarlane at Chicago's Mandel Hall. In late February, she joined the guitarist Eliot Fiske to perform at UCLA's Schoenberg Hall and at Weill Recital Hall in New York City, using similar repertoires to the one which she used at Hamilton College. James R. Oestereich in his review of the Weill Recital Hall concert in his March 1, 1994 column in The New York Times praised the duo as "two sensitive, intelligent and versatile musicians ideally suited to the small pleasures in which they excel."

Aside from her performances and impressive discography, Ms. Baird is also quite accomplished in academic circles. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Eastman School of Music, a Ph.D. in musicology from Stanford University, and she has completed studies at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. She is currently a faculty member of Rutgers University's music department.

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A Letter from Capricorn Records

Capricorn Records' groups Widespread Panic and the Freddy Jones Band will team up for a first time extensive tour of the U.S. that will kick off in Florida in late september and run through Thanksgiving. The eight-week-plus tour will play in a wide variety of venues including outdoor facilities, concert halls and college auditoriums.

Widespread Panic's new album *Ain't Life Grand*, is already drawing critical raves as the best of their career thus far. Its first single, "Airplane," has jumped out of the box at Triple A, Album Rock and New Rock radio formats, demonstrating the band's strongest across-the-board appeal and its four-album history. A video clip for "Airplane" will ship in mid-September.

The Freddy Jones Band's sales momentum for their label debut, *Waiting for the Night*, continues to build even one year after its initial release. Recent SoundScan sales figures had the album placed in the Top 50 New Artist Albums chart. Along with the group's constant touring, sales are being fueled by their current single, "In a Daydream," which became a top 5 track at the Triple A radio and is now a major AOR radio hit in markets such as Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Chicago. The group's first-ever video for "In A Daydream" is also expected in mid-September..

The second leg of the Widespread Panic/Freddy Jones Band, which will include dates in the Midwest, Rocky Mountain States and West, will be announced shortly. Following is a list of selected dates on the first leg.

09/24/94 — Gainesville, Florida — University of Fla Bandshell
10/02/94 — Lexington, Kentucky — Red Mile Racetrack
10/04/94 — Charleston, South Carolina — King St. Palace
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As of 09/15/94 --- Additional dates and cities forthcoming
--- Please consult local listings; itinerary subject to change

Submitted by Capricorn Records, September 9, 1994

Horoscopes for the week of September 23 - 29, 1994 by Cassandra of the Cosmos

AIR
Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Lucky color: cherry red
Lucky numbers: 1, 33, 27
Your hard work this week will pay off if you put in the effort - good grades will be returned to you this week. Go star gazing with some one special. Drink alternative beverages this weekend.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Lucky color: gold
Lucky numbers: 4, 19, 32
Hold on to the good thing that you've got because it will be gone soon. Try not to get involved in your friends trouble with the opposite sex - its not fun to be in the middle. Please admit that you have an interest in a certain person and - do something about it!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Lucky color: plum
Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 34
Do your laundry this week - it's really starting to piss your roommates off. If you play your cards right, you could land a dinner date by tomorrow night. Call your sibling for advice on your newest problem, not the rents.

WATER
Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Lucky color: chestnut
Lucky numbers: 10, 23, 36
Take notice and think seriously about past lovers trying to be a part of your life again. Don't settle for second best - go after what you really want. Don't take friends for granted.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Lucky color: cobalt blue
Lucky numbers: 6, 13, 20
Beware of the walk of shame - you will run into everyone you don't want to see at 8am on Sunday morning. Save your money, you will need it for next weekend. Go to a bar on Tuesday night.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Lucky color: beige
Lucky numbers: 8, 22, 29
Don't skip any classes this week, even though it will be extremely tempting. Stay in on Friday night - you'll miss a bad scene. Enjoy the excitement of last weekend's happenings - it could happen again, who knows?

FIRE
Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
Lucky color: violet
Lucky numbers: 3, 25, 35
Don't press that issue that has been causing stress in your relationship - you'll just end up in an unhappy situation. Make important decisions this week concering your career. Buy a plant for your room.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Lucky color: orange
Lucky numbers: 2, 15, 21
If you go to the casino this wekend, kwno when to stop, otherwise you seriously risk losing everything. Ask that person you've had your eye on for a while out to dinner. You'll run into extra money in a few days - spend it on yourself.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)
Lucky color: fushia
Lucky numbers: 14, 24, 28
When you're drunk this weekend, skip across the quad singing at the top of your lungs wih friends. Don't overanalyze the romance situation. Get a gold fish to spice up your room.

EARTH
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
Lucky color: pearl
Lucky numbers: 11, 17, 31
Be understanding of a friend in need. Walk with your head up - you're finally on top of the world and everyone should know it. Wear your lucky color on Sunday, people will notice you.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)
Lucky color: olive
Lucky numbers: 7, 16, 26
Find that balance between spending time with your friends and your significant other. Plant a tree. Confront the person who is bothering you - this is the week to get what you want out of them.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
Lucky color: hazel
Lucky numbers: 30, 18, 5
Go to a restaurant and say its your birthday. Hang out with some friends you have been neglecting. Curl up on your couch, put in your favorite CD and take a nap.

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Homecoming 1994: A Celebration of the Performing Arts of Hamilton College to offer over 60 alumni plays and panels

BY RUBÉN RIVERO '95
A&E EDITOR

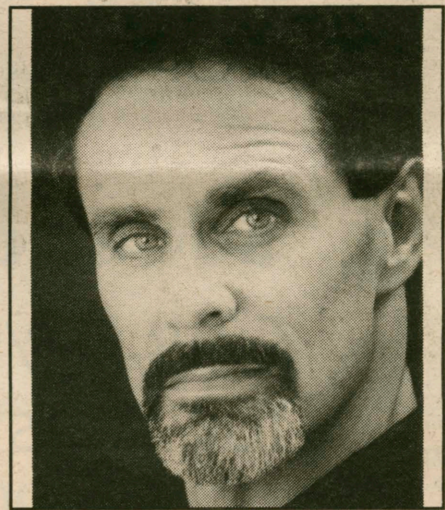
"Part of my hope, part of my struggle during many of my 22 years on the hill, has been to have the institution recognize the performing arts as one of our great strengths and assets." Professor Carol Bellini-Sharp, Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, could not be happier for the support and expectations arising about Homecoming 1994: A Celebration of the Performing Arts and Artists of Hamilton College, to be held from Thursday, October 6 to Sunday, October 9.

This event reunites scores of alumni who will be back on the hill to offer several workshops, theatre and dance performances, recitals, panels, and a stage reading. Many majored in the arts and successfully made careers as directors, designers, dramaturges, writers, composers, choreographers, actors, dancers, designers, producers, singers, radio network managers, film producers, editors, painters, electronic media wizards, teachers and lawyers. The field is so intertwined with all walks of life that you should not be surprised if you jump across a former philosophy major, who gained experience at Hamilton as a stage manager and currently balances her continued interest with computing and banking.

This diverse array of options guarantees a radically different weekend, an uncommon occasion for those who were once at our level, who are now the kinds of professionals we dream to become, to eagerly share their work and experience with current Hamilton students. This Fall Homecoming is also a happy occasion to refreshen our Kirkland legacy, represented by many alumnae coming back to their taken-over alma mater.

Joanna Langfield K'76

According to Bellini-Sharp, events like this show that it is possible to keep dreams alive, because the opportunities are there. Students can have more realistic expectations of their future by examining both the lucky and the hard-working sides of a continuation of the expressive experience beyond an ivory tower.


Joel Swetow

Music Professor Sam Pellman is also in charge of this celebration. Besides a much needed impulse from the President's Office, C&D has also played a key role in the complex, one year long organization and recruiting of distinguished alumni scattered around the world, aiming our profile towards a more intellectual world.

A detailed schedule of Homecoming 1994, as well as reviews on our guests' work and activities will be offered in our next issue. Meanwhile, plan for some free time on the weekend after break. During those nights, *Some Americans Abroad* and *Self-Torture Strenous Exercises* promise to deliver an outstanding stagework . During those mornings and afternoons, "Making it Happen", "The Artists Behind the Scenes" and "Is there Art after Graduation?" are bound to answer many of the questions we are always afraid of asking.

Emerson to display Seven Years in Tibet

Two concurrent exhibitions illustrating the richness of Art and culture in Tibet before its conquest by China will be on view at the Emerson Gallery at Hamilton College beginning Friday, September 23. The exhibitions will run through Sunday, October 23.

"Seven Years in Tibet, 1944-1951: Photographs by Heinrich Harrer" features 40 memorable images captured by one of the first Westerners to visit this remote region. An Austrian mountaineer, adventurer and explorer, Harrer escaped from an internment camp in India during World War II and made his way to Tibet, where he became the friend and tutor of the Dalai Lama, then a teenager. Harrer's photographs provide a rare and enchanting glimpse of life in Tibet before the Chinese invasion in 1950.

"Seven Years in Tibet" was organized by The Heinrich Harrer Project and is being circulated by the Council for Creative Projects. For the Emerson Gallery showing of the Heinrich Harrer photographs, the Newark Museum has generously lent a group of objects from its unparalleled Tibetan collections. The paintings, sculptures and ritual objects included in "Tibetan Art from the Newark Museum" are representative of the traditional Tibetan culture documented in the photographs.

On Thursday, September 22, at 4:15 p.m. in the Chemistry Auditorium, the Aye Lama Tulku and Jane Werner-Aye will present an illustrated lecture titled "Tibet Revisited: A Journey Home," In 1959, at the age of 12, the Aye Tulku escaped from Tibet with the Dalai Lama. He returned to his homeland in 1986 with his American wife, Jane Werner-Aye, to visit his monastery and search for members of his family. The lecture at Hamilton is their personal account of that remarkable journey. A reception and preview of the exhibitions "Seven Years in Tibet" and "Tibetan Art from the Newark Museum" will follow.

The Emerson Gallery is located on the first floor of Christian A. Johnson Hall, directly behind the Hamilton College Chapel. Gallery hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Native American performer Shirley Cheechoo to appear in *Pat With No Mocassins*

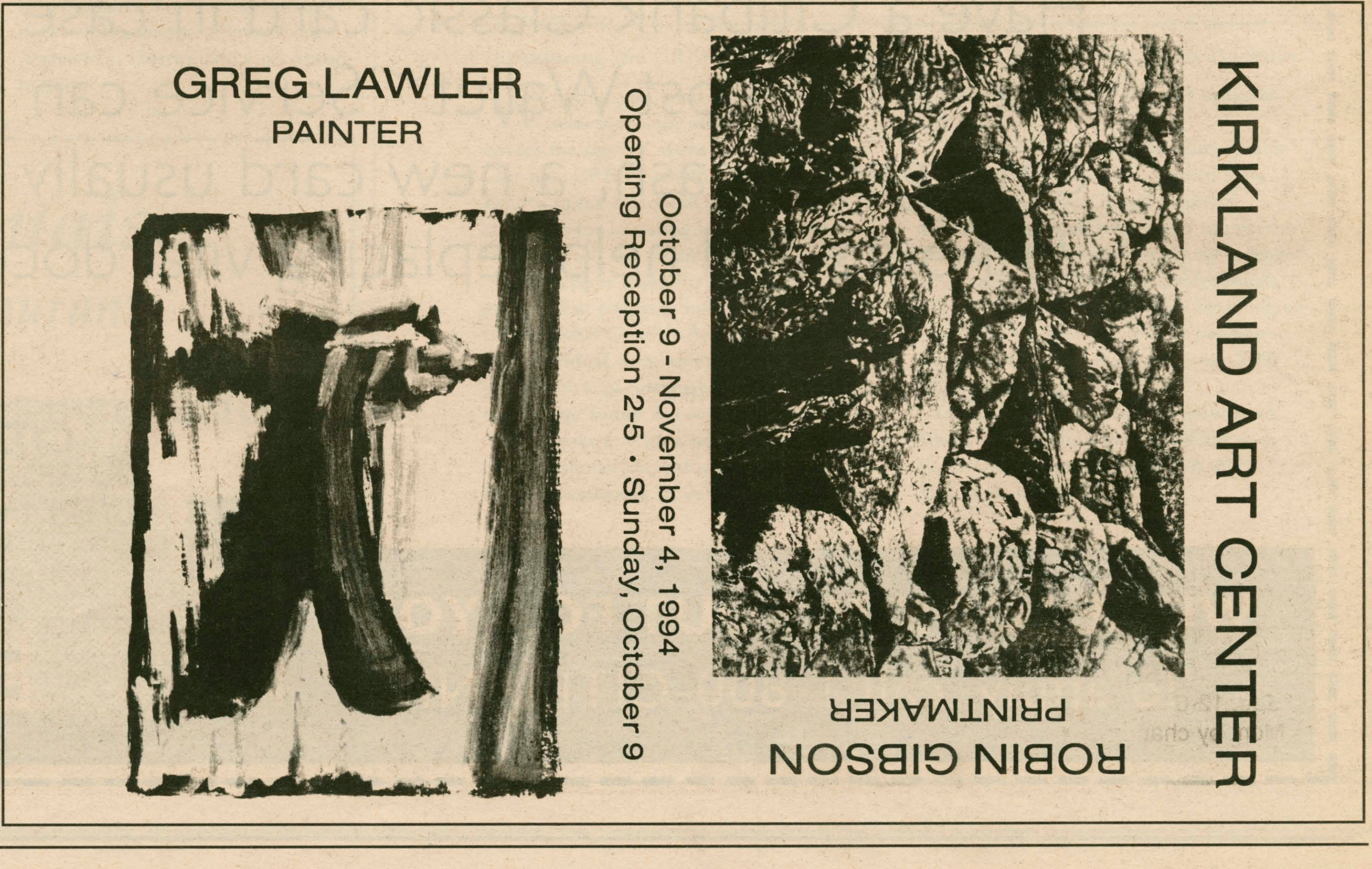
Cree artist Shirley Cheechoo will perform at Hamilton College's Minor Theater on Friday, September 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets for her one-woman show, *Path with No Mocassins*, are $3 for students and $5 for the general public and may be purchased at the door.

The first of the Department of Theatre and Dance's Minor Events Series. *Path With No Mocassins* describes a native American woman's journey through life. Cheechoo's play and performance relate the harrowing and affirming experiences prevalent in the upbringing of many native people, including her own. What one British Columbian critic called "a poetic howl of rage at the World's broken promises," *Path With No Mocassins* recalls and reveals the harsh realities of growing up native American in abusive residential schools and alcohol-ravaged communities. A second critic said the show is "emblematic of the public pain of a people and the shame of a nation."

Presented with the Eagle Spirit Award at the Native American Film Festival in San Francisco, Cheechoo's sensitive and lyrical storytelling make her one-woman play a powerful and inspiring theatrical experience for native and non-native audiences. Big dramatic moments blend with exceptionally vivid images to create a compelling story of a Native woman's pain, courage, dignity and hope.

Cheechoo is a member of the Cree tribe and lives on Manitoulin Island, West Bay First Nation. She is an actress, painter and founder of First Nations Theatre Group. Acting critics include appearances on stage, film, radio and television in Canada, the United States and the British Isles. Cheechoo also has recently been involved with PAS: Cultural Exchange Arts, a touring resource center for visual and performing artists to promote and celebrate the deep texture of Canadian culture.

Path With No Mocassins has toured extensively in Northern Ontario, Toronto, Ottawa, Western Canada, and in the West and Midwest United States. It has also been made into a radio play for CBS Radio and a book.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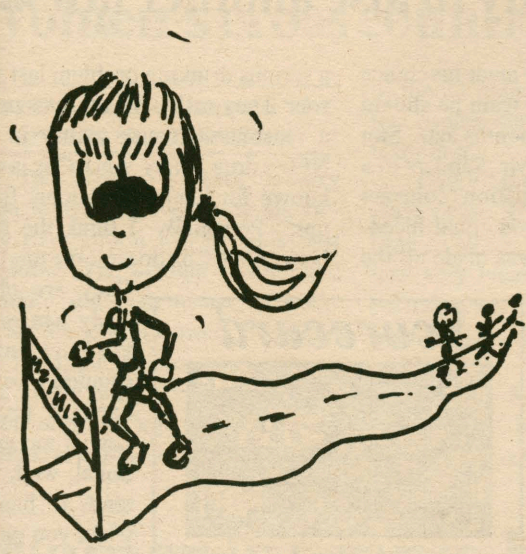

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

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Caricature by Mich Mathres

This past Saturday on the Hamilton cross country course, junior Cathy Michels placed first in the 3.05 mile run with a time of 19.49. Michaels first place finish was among 23 other competitors with particularly strong runners from Union. Coach Ellen Hull said, "As far as time goes, that is her best run in three years. She hasn't broken the 20 minute mark in that time. She has also maintained a positive attitude and wanted to make sure the team beat Union. Last year the team lost their meet to Union, and the Continentals were determined not to let that happen again." Congratulations Cathy, you are The Garden Cafe's athlete of the week!

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Mike Saber

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Andretti calling it quits

By Matt Cleary '96
GUEST COULMNIST

American atuo racing suffers a derth of exposure when compared to other sports like The American Games-i.e. baseball (R.I.P. 1994) and football. While many sports fans can rattle off the names of the starting quarterbacks for every football team, the same person might be hard pressed to name the winner of last years Indianapolis 500 (Emerson Fittipaldi). However, there is one name accepted synonymously with auto racing-Mario Andretti (and if that name does not ring any bells, you probably did not even make it this far in the article). Mario Andretti, after three decades of racing, will be retiring at the end of this IndyCar season. Mario, as he is known by his fans, has enjoyed a long and competitive career. Despite the fact that he has won "only" one Indy 500 (1969), he is still more well known than, say, Rick Mears, who has taken the checkered flag at the Brickyard an amazing four times. So why do more poeple know who Mario Andretti is? Perhaps one reason is the fact that he has not only proven his skill in the IndyCar world, but he has also been victorious in several other forms of motor racing, such as Nascar, Formula One (World Champion), sprint cars, and Le Mans sports car racing. Another possible reason that he is so well known is the fact that there are few in auto racing who carry themselves with as much class as Mario, on or off the track. Mario has always been very available to his fans (something I can attest to, having seen him riding around on a motor scooter amoung thousands of fans in the infield of the Indy 500,) and he has always shown his gratitude for their support.

Many big names have left motor racing recently, such as Richard Petty and A.J. Foyt. Both made rather grandois exits from the sport. Mario, on the other hand, has chosen to call his last year the "Arrivederci Tour," and he has not taken the chance to capitalize material on his departure. The racing world will dearly miss his presance on the track. In the future, there will certainly be men who are faster or make more money, but there never will be another Mario Andretti. Arrivederci, Mario, and God Speed to you.

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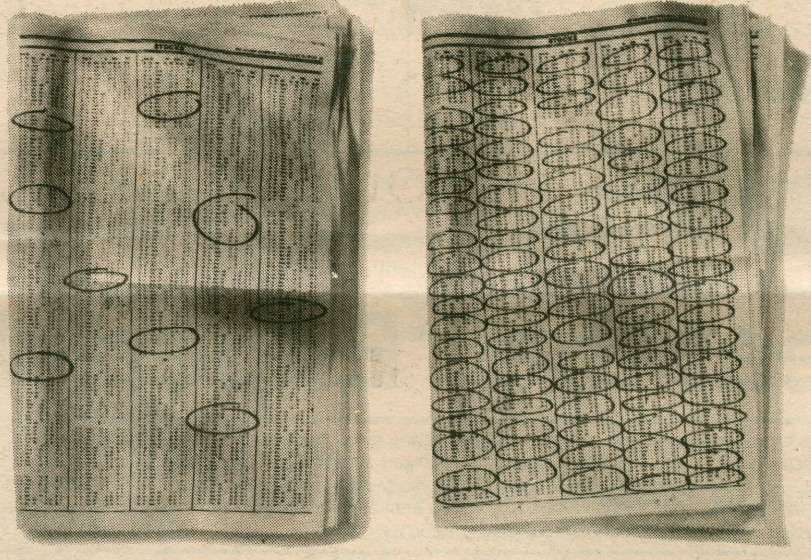

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Rams at Kansas City 9/25	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Rams
San Diego at L.A. Raiders 9/25	Raiders	San Diego	Raiders	Raiders	San Diego
Denver at Buffalo 9/26	Denver	Buffalo	Denver	Denver	Denver
Chicago at NY Jets 9/25	Chicago	NY Jets	Chicago	NY Jets	Jets
Pittsuburgh at Seattle 9/25	Seattle	Seattle	Pittsburgh	Seattle	Seattle
NCAA					
Colorado at Michigan 9/24	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Arizona at Stanford 9/24	Arizona	Arizona	Stanford	Arizona	Arizona
Syracuse at E. Carolina 9/24	E. Carolina	Syracuse	Syracuse	E. Carolina	E. Carolina
USC at Florida State 9/24	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	UNC
Washington St. at UCLA 9/24	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Washington St.
Air Force at UTEP 9/24	Air Force	Air Force	UTEP	Air Force	Air Force

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NFL ready to lose another lawsuit

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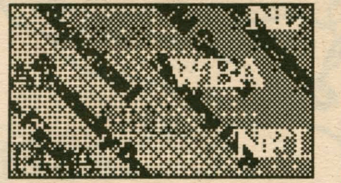

---Jim D'Aleo

NFL: Deion finally made his choice and he went to the team he should have signed with months ago. **San Francisco** signed Mr. Sanders to a one-year, $1.1 million contract ($1.85 million if you count incentives). This deal was made all the better if you consider the rumor that says Sanders got three million from Nike to go to a big market team. Adding Sanders definitely gives the Niners a leg up on the rest of the NFC. They may be too good not to make the Super Bowl this season, their loss to **Kansas City** notwithstanding... The wandering defensive tackle has finally found a home. **Tony Casillas**, deciding he couldn't live in Kansas City no matter how much they paid him, signed a one-year contract with the **Jets**. This probably helps the Jets defense, but can you really count on a guy who signed a four-year, six million dollar contract, leaves the team and gives back the money and signs another one for only $650,000? All we can determine from this is that Casillas really wanted to stay away from Kansas City or he is not that intelligent... I think the **Bills** and **Oilers** may have missed the point of last weekend. All the teams in the NFL were wearing older uniforms. For both teams, those uniforms came from the early sixties in the days of the AFL. Instead of the 15-7 Bills win we saw, a true Throwback weekend would have given us a 52-21 game with lots of offense and an invisible defense. Oh well... The other real exciting game of the week was the **Saints** beating **Tampa Bay** 9-7. I'm sure the fans paying to see that game were real thrilled. That game goes under the "Whoever plays least badly, wins" theory... If there is anyone you have to feel badly for this week, it would have to be **Jason Hanson**, kicker for the **Detroit Lions**. He did kick the winning field goal against **Dallas** on Monday, but because of a bad offensive line, it took him three tries to do it. He missed a 57 and 51 yarder in the final minutes of regulation because the line allowed **Leon Lett** to get through and block both of them. Normally you would figure that he was the only one to get through. That was not the case in this game; he was only the guy who got through the fastest. Half of the defensive line made it over the line of scrimmage before the ball was kicked. Next time, maybe Hanson should kick from ten yards out as opposed to seven... The NFL is in a little bit of trouble. **Dolphins** linebacker **Bryan Cox** is about ready to file a lawsuit against the league for forcing him to take weekly drug tests since he filed a previous lawsuit against the league. He has never been caught using drugs or arrested for drunk driving. The league ordered the tests after Cox said he had a serious drinking problem last season. They called for the tests under a reasonable cause clause in the NFL's drug policy, since Cox is well known for having emotional flare-ups. Personally, I think the NFL better hope Cox doesn't file this suit. They are obviously harrassing this guy and it shouldn't be too hard to prove. Cox is too emotional; well, that tends to happen when you play a game where you supposed to stick your helmet in somebody's back. Maybe the NFL should stop worrying about someone who has never had a drug or alcohol offense and worry about those we know have.

MLB: One of the best baseball broadcasters in the business has retired. **Tony Kubek** has announced he will not return to MSG to announce for the **Yankees**. He is one of those guys who knew what he was talking about and would not root for the team who hired him. In fact, he got into several arguments with team owner **George Steinbrenner** over comments Kubek made over the air. You've got to like a guy like that... *USA Today* came up with the profound story that Dwight Gooden may have his suspension extended for his third drug violation. As a Dwight Gooden and Mets fan, I have to say, I hope for damn sure. Gooden needs some help. I think that's a bigger priority than his actually playing again.

NHL: Does **Mark Messier** think he's God or something? While it may be true that he was a major piece in the **Rangers** winning the Stanley Cup, he has no reason to hold out. The Rangers' chances of repeating are dropping like the stock market. When money becomes the most important factor in a team, they have no chance of being successful. That seems to be happening to the Rangers... Big story out of **Buffalo**. The Sabres suspended goalie **Dominic Hasek** for leaving camp in a contract dispute. Somebody should tell the Sabres management that you can't win without a goalie and Hasek is one of the best in the game.

NCAA: This next story shows why the NCAA just has too many rules. The NCAA ruled that the restaurant review column written by **Florida** offensive lineman **Anthony Ingrassia** for his school paper must end because NCAA regulations state a player cannot "advertise, recommend or promote the sale or use of a commercial service." Now, they are forcing this guy to stop writing for his school paper, but they let guys who have been arrested continue to play. Is there something wrong here? The NCAA should be encouraging this pasttime. Ingrassia has found joy in writing about something he knows, eating. At 300 pounds, I don't think he's going to write about ballet.

Women's cross country runs away from Union

By Damaris Lakshmanan '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Women's cross country team enjoyed an overwhelming victory over Union College this past Saturday. The weather was hot and humid, and both teams were expected to run a bit slower. However, the Hamilton women were able to rise to the added challenge. In a meet, only the top five places are counted towards the team scores. Out of the 23 runners competing, the top twelve spots were taken by Hamilton.

Cathy Michels '96 took first place in the 3.05 mile run with a time of 19.49. Coach Ellen Hull was very pleased with Michels' performance. The top place runner for Union finished with a time of 21.37.

Tammy Koch '96 came in second place. Koch was chosen as the NYSWCAA (New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association) cross country runner of the week for September 4-10. She was the individual winner in the Rochester-Hamilton meet on Saturday, September 10. Koch won the 3.05 mile race with a time of 19.30. Coach Ellen Hull said that "Tammy leads the team on and off the field with her positive attitude and hard work ethic. On Saturday she ran a smart early season race.."

The teams next run will be Saturday, September 24, at Williams for an invitational meet.

Women's tennis has a troubled start

By Avery Cook '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Women's tennis team has had a troubled start. The lack of a preseason and a challenging schedule have been their toughest obstacles that they have had to overcome. So with a 2-4 record, the Continentals are hanging on strong.

The absence of the pre-season was caused by a NESCAC rule that stipulates that no practice can begin until the start of classes. With little time to develop into a team, the Continentals have been thrust into the season's hardest level of competition. On top of that, the women's first six opponents have already held pre-season practices. One of them, Union College, has been practicing for three weeks, but has yet to start classes.

The Continentals are in the midst of their most crucial test of the season. This has included matches with defending state champs St. Lawrence, Nazareth, who ffinished third last year, and Skidmore who looks to break into the top three in this year's state tournament. Unfortunately, the women were defeated by all three schools despite putting up valiant efforts.

With those losses behind them, the women pounded out wins over LeMoyne and Utica. They are 2-4 and are setting their sights on the State Championships, for which they must have at least a .500 record in order to qualify. For that to happen, the women must play well during their upcoming matches which include William Smith, Ithaca, Binghamton, and Rochester.

Now that Coach Kelley McElory has had an opportuntiy to get an idea of her line-up, she plans to pay more attention to the importance of her doubles pairs. McElory says "The singles are important, but often they are split between the two teams. It then comes down to the doubles pairs to see who will win the match." McElory is looking towards her #1 doubles of juniors Jane Taylor and Pepper Johnson to set the pace for the rest of the season. Close behind them is the junior/sophomore pair of Amy Lopatin and Mara Laird. Freshmen wonders Katy Pollack and Nicole Wolford will fill the slots at third doubles.

The Continentals are away this weekend at the Rolex Tournament at William Smith, but return to the Hamilton courts this upcoming Tuesday, Sept. 27, to host Oneonta at 4:00 p.m.

Have you had that lustful desire to write articles for SpectatorSports? If so, call Zach Thomas (1851) or inquire within.

Golfers rebound at Skidmore

By Spectator Sports

The Hamilton Golf Team features a new look this year, with seven new players on the 10 man roster. Last year's team was ranked among the Top 20 Division II teams in the country for most of the year, but All-District player Marc Simon has graduated and starter Jonathan Cooper is spending the year studying abroad. Five first-year players and two juniors, new to the golf program, join senior captain Mark Fedorcik, an All-District selection in 1993-94, and sophomore Mike Saber, one of the Continentals leading scorers last year who seems primed for a great season in 1994-95.

The relatively inexperienced Continentals started off slowly, finishing second to Utica College in their own Greater Utica Championship, eleventh out of seventeen teams in Colgate's and Cornell's Central New York Invitational, and eleventh out of 22 teams at Middlebury's Duke Nelson Tournament.

However, the Continentals rebounded Wednesday at Skidmore to shoot a promising 325 (best for scores of five players) and finish fourth in a strong field of ten fields. Perennial national power Skidmore won easily shooting 300, followed by Amherst at 321, RPI at 321 and Hamilton at 324. Hamilton finished ahead of NESCAC rivals Williams and Middlebury, as well as LeMoyne, Hartwick, St. Michaels, and Franklin Pierce.

The Continentials were led by a fine 76 by Mike Saber '97, who finished fifth overall in the field of 52. First year player Jeff Dickman shot an 81, all the more impressive since he started wout with a ten on the first hole of play, but then went only four over par for the next seventeen holes.

So far the Continentals are led by Saber and Fedorcik in scoring, but all players on the 10 person squad have contributed. Promising first-year players beside Dicman, include Darren Fuller, Adam Sichol, Hosh Taube, and John Whitwell while juniors John Kowalczik and Rick Pizzo each shot strong rounds in tournaments competition.

The Continentals have now finished ahead of over half the teams they have faced in four tournaments so far and look for continued improvement as the season progresses. As Coach Simon notes, "This team has a lot of depth and talent and should become increasingly competitive as the newer players gain experience and become familiar with the golf courses on which we compete." The men's golf team looks to another successful tournament when they compete.

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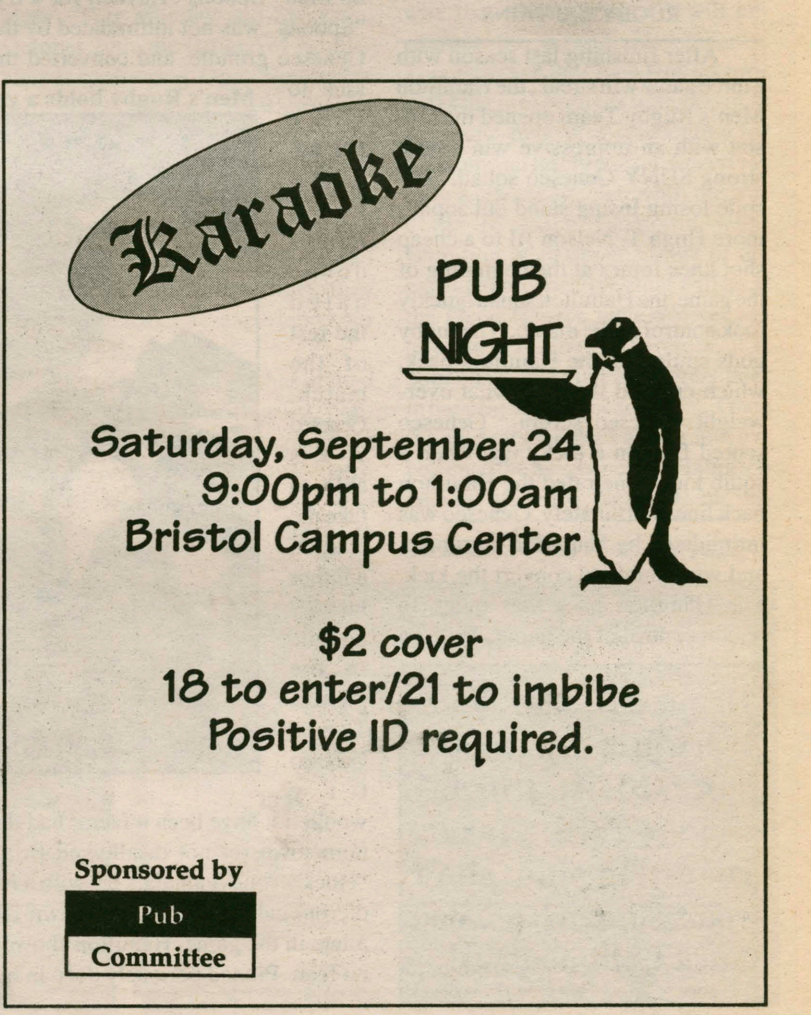

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Men's and Women's Soccer record their first wins

By Mark Granovsky and Katie Scovin
SPORTS STAFF WRITERS

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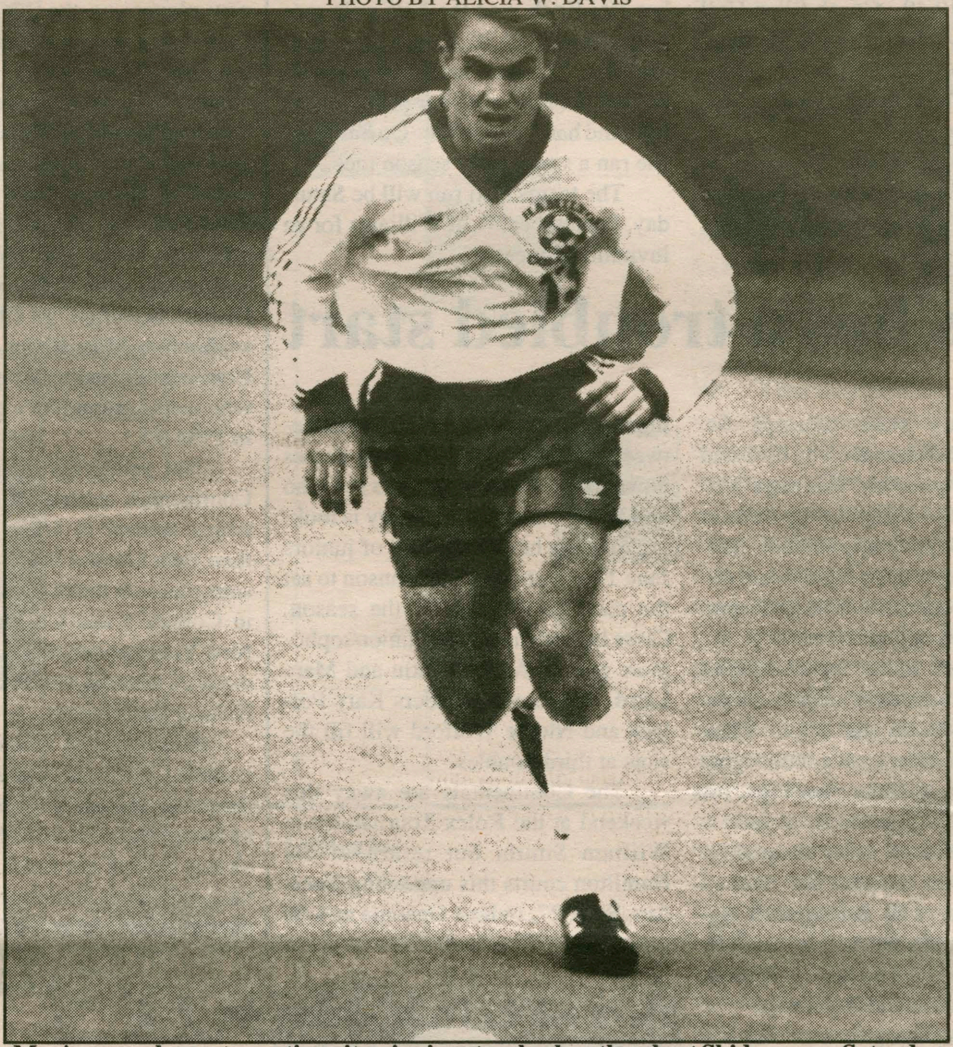

Men's soccer hopes to continue its winning streak when they host Skidmore on Saturday.

The Hamilton Continentals experienced an identity crisis during their game against Williams. They were playing like the #2 team in the nation, and the Ephmen were the archrival. Do not be misled by the score: the Continentals played a textbook game of soccer, and won the respect and admiration of the home crowd.

The only difference was an unassisted goal by Williams forward (16) John Thompson. The shot (26:31 in the first half) was an excellent crosskick from the right side of the field. Goalie Alex Henning '95 had no chance at the ball, as it sailed into the upper left corner of the net.

Captain Terence Olcott '95 noted that "[we] played with a higher intensity than against Union. The whole team played particularly well. If our intensity is the same against other opponents, we should have ten wins."

Although the Continentals have withstood two consecutive shutouts, the offense is beginning to come together. The passing game is improving, and the shots are increasing. "The key [to our] offense is controlling the ball at midfield, pass to the corners, and come across the goal. These are our best opportunities to score, " explained Terence.

The defense has been superb for the Continentals with Kurt Shotzburger '97, Todd Hargreaves '96, and Kevin McIntyre '97 guarding the net. There is also strength off the bench including forward Brendan Forrest '98 and midfielder Mike Calawa '97.

Midfielder Jeff Kingsley '96 remarked that "we realized [on Saturday] that we could play with any team in the country. There was a great possibility of a win in the second half." Jeff was also happy about the turnout for Saturday's game. The crowd was easily twice the size of the game against Union.

Hamilton has a "notorious" reputation as a slow starter. One of the reasons lies in the schedule which allows the toughest teams in the country (Williams, Union, Clarkson) to play Hamilton early in the season. What if the Continentals faced the Ephmen in October? The question leaves this fan to wonder after Saturday's valiant effort.

"There is alot of character and heart on this team," Olcott notes. These virtues usually produce victories.

Whether it was the unreasonably beautiful weather or the promise of a good game that brought fans out to Minor Field on Wednesday, the were definately not disappointed with Hamilton's women's soccer team. The women beat Russell Sage with a decisive margin of 6-0. The women immediately took control of the game with great ball control and excellent passing. Russell Sage was doomed from the opening whistle.

The scoring began when Christie Kisner '96 scored off a corner kick. The attack from the corner continued when, amidst a struggle involving numerous players from most teams, Meg Jones '96 headed the ball in for blue's second goal.

Hamilton was full of confidence at thebeginning the second period and knew they had the ability to beat Russell Sage. Jen Judson began the period with Hamilton's third goal. After that surge, the women scored two to bring the tally to 5-0. And as if that weren't enough, Beth Collins scored Hamilton's sixth and final goal.

The women hope to continue their winning streak when they face off against William Smith at 4:30 in Geneva, New York.

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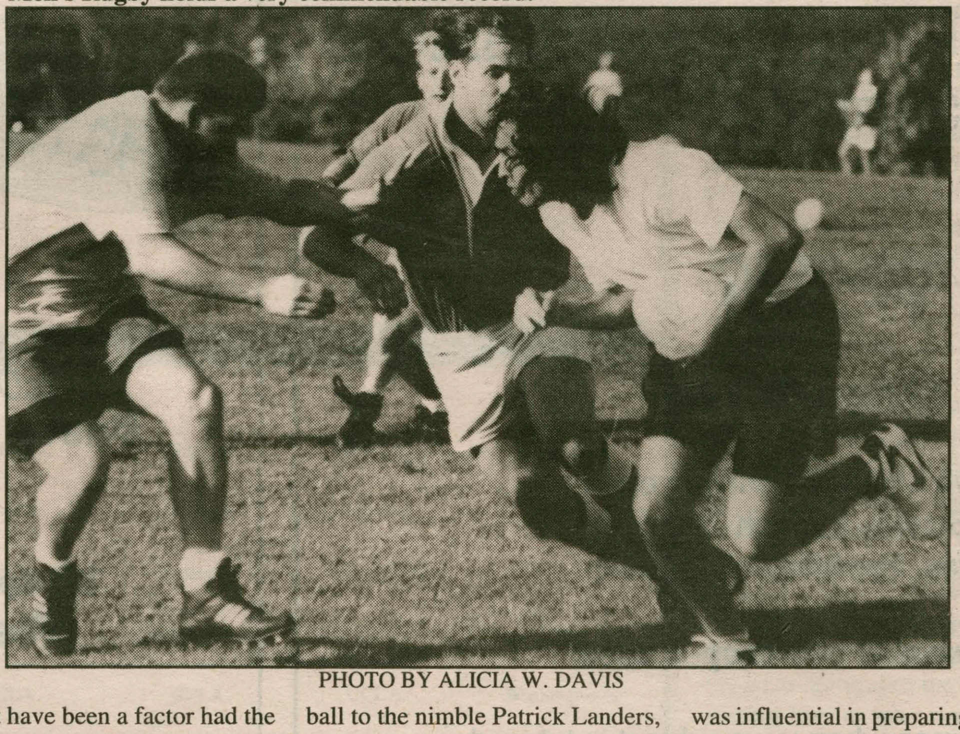
Hamilton Rugby beats Geneseo, and starts a promising season

By Jonathan Shuman and Dino Korten
RUGBY CAPTAINS

Men's Rugby holds a very commendable record.



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After finishing last season with a three game win streak, the Hamilton Men's Rugby Team opened the season with an impressive win over a strong SUNY Geneseo squad. Despite losing losing stand out sophomore Hugh T. Nelson III to a cheap shot knee injury at the beginning of the game, the Hamilton squad quickly took control of the match. The rugby gods smiled on the Hamilton pack, which crushed the somewhat overweight Geneseo scrum. Geneseo scored first on a lucky try, when a squib kick penetrated the Hamilton back line. Fortunately, Geneseo was intimidated by Hamilton's grundle, and was unable to convert the kick. The Hamilton pack was quick to regain control of the game. With an enormous ruck and roll manuever, Christian Bartholamew Kaplinsky set up Matt "Spoons" Hayden for a try. "Spoons" was not intimidated by the Geneseo grundle, and converted the kick to give Hamilton a 7-5 lead Hamilton dominated the rest of the match, Geneseo was able to take the lead on another lucky try late in the game. The Geneseo try would not have been a factor had the hometown ref not disallowed Brian "Huck" Toueygamala's try with a ludicrous call. Despite being down 10-5 late in the game, Hamilton showed no fear. Pinned periously deep in his own teritory, Dino lofted a high, testing kick which was recovered nicely by "Spoons". After punishing several would-be Geneseo tacklers, "Spoons" selflessly passed the ball to the nimble Patrick Landers, who scored easily despite a broken foot. Landers' score put Hamilton ahead for good at 12-10.

With a strong season, Hamilton hopes to return to the William Watkins Tournement, which it won most recently in 1987. Key to a good season are much-improved second year men Andrew Cooley at second row, and Craig "Iron horse" McDonald, who filled in nicely at fullback. The Men's rugby team would like to thank the technically sound Women's team. They were a formidible opponent in a pre-game scrimmage, which was influential in preparing the Men's team for the Geneseo match. Hamilton plays Colgate on Saturday afternoon at the I.M. fields.

Hamilton College Football will open their season this Saturday against Tufts. Take a road-trip and show your support. Good Luck Continentials!

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